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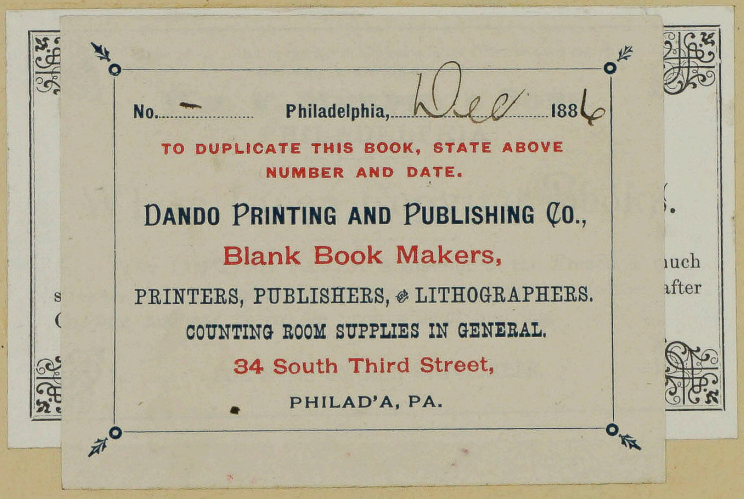
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Philadelphia, Dec 1886
TO DUPLICATE THIS BOOK, STATE ABOVE NUMBER AND DATE.
DANDO PRINTING AND PUBLISHING CO.,
Blank Book Makers,
PRINTERS, PUBLISHERS, & LITHOGRAPHERS.
COUNTING ROOM SUPPLIES IN GENERAL.
34 South Third Street,
PHILAD'A, PA.

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To 3-9-89

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## Asst Treasurer N. Y.

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U. S. Assay Office N. Y.

472.

12 November 88

Sir,

In compliance with your directions of 8. inst., I have had prepared and herewith submit for your consideration a blank form of contract with Joseph Wharton for 5-cent Copper nickel blanks, as specified, together with an accompanying form of bond.

When these papers are returned to me I will have them carefully transcribed and signed, and forwarded to your office for your formal official approval

Very respectfully

D. M. Boyd Jr.

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

12. Novem. 88

Sir

In accordance with your instructions the returned dies from the Mint at New Orleans were forwarded to that institution by Express on the 10th inst. and the Superintendent of that Mint notified by mail, enclosing also to him a copy of a letter from our Engraver on the subject, - a copy is also herewith Enclosed for your information:

Very respectfully

Chas. M. Cox

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(6-n)

10th November 8

Sir.

In accordance with your instructions of the 10th inst, I have forwarded to the Mint of the United States at New Orleans the Standard Dollar dies, nos 68, 69, 70 and 86 obverse and reverse, condemned by that Mint as being "too soft."

Dies no 68. 69 and 70 obverse and reverse are unfit for use having been destroyed at New Orleans by the improper treatment they had received.

Obv. die no. 86 is the die from which 450.000 pieces have been made consequently I would not recommend that that die be further used, Reverse die no 86 is the only die good for service, that being unused and in proper form.

Very respectfully
Chas E. Barber
Engraver.

Hon Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent

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Noon 12th &

3,817,733 65

116,980 X

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8739.20 X

534,174.62

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A M Fol

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 13th 1858.

To

The Treasurer of the United States

Pay 7520 from Handy Harmon for $92.593.93

" 7521 " Kessler, Lockgate & Co. " $17.873.55

" " " " "

" " " " "

" " " " "

Respectfully for Peter Gerhart

I am very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

SPk

November 13th 1888

Sir:

I forward this day by Adams Express, a box containing my Bullion Accounts and Vouchers for the First Quarter 1888-89.

Very Respectfully.
Your Ob. Svt.
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington,
D.C.

13: Novem 88

Sir

I discover this morning that we shall need in advance of any semi-annual requisition for books &c in December, 2 Registers of official Correspondence, and 2, of Miscellaneous letters received. These books are somewhat peculiar in arrangement and have never been furnished by the Department. I therefore ask authority to procure them here if there be no insuperable objections to the contrary

Very respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Nov 14th

7522 pd Zimmermann & Ensley for 40.07½ 65/100

14 November 8

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose the oath of office of Thomas J. Molloy recently appointed Helper in the Refinery of this Mint

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Philadelphia
30 October 8

30 ½

October 8

998.700.003
2066.200.82

Wm. S. Cochran

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

November 15th 1888.

Sir:

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor, for the sum of one thousand (1.000) Dollars, payable from the Appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion to meet the expenses of this Mint on that account for the current month.

Very Respectfully.

W. Pat. Pr.

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

S.P.L.

November 15th 8

Sir;

I enclose herewith bill in duplicate of the U. S. Electric Lighting Co. Penna. dated Nov. 3rd 1888, for $4.65. for which please forward draft to that Company for that amount.

This expenditure is payable from the Appropriation for the last Fiscal year, but through an oversight in the Melter & Refiner's department, no formal printed requisition was made upon me for the work, and therefore no order was issued at the time. i.e. June 11th 1888. For this reason it is not included in the expenditure of last year, as it should have been.

Very Respectfully.
Your Ob't Ser't
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 15th, 1888.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| No. | 523 | favor Henry Hannan | for | $148 | 19.31 |
| " | 524 | " South Kaskaskia Bank, Ills. | " | 48 | 21.01 |
| " | 525 | " J. W. Seligman & Co | " | 942 | 71.24 |
| " | | " | " | | |
| " | | " | " | | |
| " | | " | " | | |
| " | | " | " | | |

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

W. H. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ed. 3-28-88. 10000]

Nov 15th 8

J. W. Seligman & Co. New York
Nov 13th 8

99.987.80
99.863.60
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4.046.336.25

3.797.712.03 69.447 X

1.170 X

987.1102.573 932.528.31

10.573 1134 9.976.30

Nov 16th 1898.

Sir,

I am the log sent

No 7526 from Handy & Harman $ 18.763.97
" 7527 " Heusage, Colgate & Co. $ 30.291.45
" 7528 " South Natl Bank, N.Y. $ 16.451.96

I remain Sir Your Ob't Servt

I am very respectfully

W. H. Fox

Superintendent.

16 Novem 88

Sir

I am in receipt of an application from the Assistant Treasurer of the United States — Hon. A Davis Page — in this City asking for the loan of 2000 coin bags for Standard dollars until such time as his own stock is replenished

I do not feel that I have the right to accede to his request without your authority. Please direct me in the matter!

Very respectfully

W. H. H. Hart

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

16. November 8

Sir

I have yours of the 15th inst., asking the loan of 2000 coin bags for the shipment of standard dollars until such time as our "(your) stock can be replenished."

I have, as you know, no authority to make loans even to co-officers, without the approval of the Director of the Mint to whom your letter has been referred

Very respectfully

A. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon. S. Davis Page
Asst. Treas. United States
Philad'a

Dist: Pa.
Nov 17th 8

October 31st 1888

857.928.57/100 with exception noted below *

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| * Balance as per your Statement Oct 31st | * | 857.928.57 |
| " " " my Records " " | | 828.043.12 |
| Difference accounted for as follows viz: | * | 29.885.45 |
| Check 57501 drawn Oct 31st not included in your Statement | * | 29.885.45 |

Supt U.S. Mint.

S 1860

(No. 4)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 17th, 1858.

Sir,

I draw this day check—

No 7529, favor Handy & Harman, for $24658. 54
" 7530 " Fourth Nat'l Bank N.Y. " $16197. 69
" 7531 " Zimmermann & Forshay " $44743. 86
" " " " $
" " " " $
" " " " $
" " " " $

in payment for Silver Dollars.

I am, very respectfully,

D. M. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

(Rev. 7-28-25. 1000)

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New 17th 8

Handy Harman. New York
New 9th. 8.

275.399.95
274.932.34
0.9455 259.948.53

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17. March. 88

Sir

In conformity with the provisions of section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coiner herein endorsed, I have appointed Mrs Cecilia C. Espy, and Miss Mary Clark, Adjusters in this Department @ $2.00 per diem, each, to take effect on confirmation and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Supt

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

16 : Novemb : 88

Sir;

I beg to renew my application for an increase of pay to the housekeepers, and their assistants, in the General department of this Mint to, respectively, $1.75 and $1.50 per diem, or, an advance of 25% in each case.

Both these classes of employees are called upon, not only to perform very arduous labors, for which, as you well know, I have long considered their pay to be inadequate, as their hours of service are often prolonged by the necessity of waiting for the closing of the operative departments, before they can begin their work - often after

regular Mint hours - and are not dismissed till a late hour in the night.

I look upon this increase of pay as a small act of justice to very deserving employees

The following is a list of their names and titles:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Amanda Bartlett | Chief of Helpers |
| Ellen Borton | Assistant do. |
| Lizzie Kain | Helper |
| Annie Carroll | " |
| Sadie Dorr | " |
| Sarah Harrison | " |
| Annie Hassett | " |
| Sallie Clark | " |
| Sallie Grimes | " |
| Bridget Murphy | " |
| Ella Neff | " |

Virginia Brauson Helper
Mary Culligan " (aus)
Annie Miller "

The increase to take effect from the 15th inst.,

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

17. Street 8

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of George W. Allen, recently appointed Laborer in the General Department of this Mint

Very respectfully
A. Mc Foe
Superintendent

Hon: J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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November 19th 8

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 15th inst, asking for the loan of 2000 coin bags, I am authorized this morning by the Director of the Mint to comply with your request. It appears from the records of the Storekeeper, that on August 25th 1886, 200 bags were loaned you which have not yet been returned.

I send you this morning 1800 bags, and also a receipt to cover this, and the former amount, which please sign and return, in order that the Storekeeper's account may be kept straight.

Please see that these bags are returned to me at the earliest moment consistent with your business.

Very Respectfully.

D. M. Fox

Supt.

Hon. S. Davis Page.
Asst Treasurer U. S.
Phila.

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Nov 19th 18

Zimmermann & Conway for 2.956.74

19. November 88

Sir.

Speaking with reference to the Mint improvements I naturally feel anxious that the work should be commenced and progressed with as early and as rapidly as will be consistent with the performance of faithful work with good material.

Messrs Farrell Co. this morning handed me a copy of their proposal for construction of storage vaults: first the basement vault and also the Counters and Refiners vaults on the first floor, which they suggest I should forward to the Department for consideration.

I may say parenthetically that primarily in regard to whatever is to be done touching excavations and structure on the

grass plots, should be done speedily and then if that work progresses the subject of the vaults should be proceeded with as next in importance

Messrs Farrell & Co. have done a good deal of work for this Mint and have shown themselves to be superior mechanics in their line and if it is consistent with the proper regulation, and I am not presuming too much, I would be glad to learn that they had succeeded in getting the Contract to build constructing the vaults

I enclose you the Copy of the proposal handed by them to me so that the Supervising Architect may have the vaults feature under Consideration

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

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F.N.G.

Nov 19th 8

4.114.535 [illegible]

3.862.634.37

454 [illegible]

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1.140.877.23

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Nov 19th 8

Exchange National Bank. N.Y.
Nov 9th 8

50.680.59
50.621.03
47.862.18

0.9+55

Nov 19th 8

Hastings, Ledgate & Co., New York
Nov 9th 8

100.466.15
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94.827.74

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Nov 20 [illegible] 98.

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| 7533 | Trinity Harman | 5.767.54 |
| 7534 | Messlage, Colgate & Co. | 24.807.38 |
| 7535 | Fourth Nat'l Bank. Ky. | 23.709.83 |
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Nov. 21st 88

Sir.

I enclose herewith Statements of Silver Bullion Purchased, Form. 193. which should have accompanied my Bullion Accounts for the Quarter ended September 30th 1888.

Very Respectfully,
Nat Austin
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

U. S. Mint, [illegible] 8

Sir

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 13th inst. I herewith return memorandum of the value of gold bullion received for shipment No. 19, from the United States Assay Office, Helena, Mont. and, with a clerical error in transcribing, corrected, as requested.

Very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

21. Harris. ff

Sir;

I herewith transmit for the approval of the Department two Contracts with Joseph Wharton - one for one cent blanks and the other for five cent blanks accompanied in each case by a bond in ten thousand dollars, signed by himself and his surety Chauncey P. Goss - all in due form

Very respectfully
D. Ward Lt Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21. November 88

Sir

I placed your letter of 20th inst., touching the subject of Coins in the hands of the Coiner at the close of the Calendar year, in his hands for answer. Accompanying this letter you will find a Copy of the Coiner's report, which will furnish the information so far as he can state it.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Copy

Coniers Office

21. November 88

Sir

In reply to the letter of the Director of the 20th instant inquiring to what extent if any and for how long a period Coins in the hands of the Coiner at the close of the Calendar year have been delivered as a part of the Coinage of the succeeding Calendar year, I would say, it has always been the practice covering quite a number of years for the Coiner to deliver perfect coin made at the close of December, the first delivery in January following. The amount cannot be known because all Coins remaining over not in Coiners hands are rated bullion in the accounts: Such Coins are lights, heavies, & standards, as may happen. The Coinage of one day is delivered the first working day following and the work of adjusting one thousand dollar drafts cannot be carried

or otherwise

Very respectfully
W. L. Steel
Corner

Hon. D. M. Fox
Supt. U. S. Mint
Philada

1916

Nr 22

5356 Zenith National Bank. Mg. 14.318.22

Handy Hammar 39.14 8.81

Date

Ltr.

Nov 22: 88

Sir:

I enclose herewith bill in duplicate for $448.70/100 being the value of Dies manufactured for and transmitted to the Mint U.S. at San Francisco, Cal. in conformity with your letter of instruction dated Nov 7th 1888.

Very Respectfully

Wm. McFee

Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

22. Nov. 88

Sir

In partial fulfilment of your instruction of the 7th inst., I have this day forwarded to the Mint of the United States at San Francisco the following dies for Calendar year 1889 viz:-

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | 10 Dl. Eagle | Obverse Nos | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| 5 | " " | Reverse " | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| 5 | Eagle | Obverse " | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| 5 | " | Reverse " | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| 5 | Half Eagle | Obverse " | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| 5 | " " | Reverse " | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 |
| 5 | Standard Dollar | Obverse " | 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 |
| 5 | " " | Reverse " | 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 |
| 10 | Dimes | Obverse " | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 |

10 Pieces Reports No 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10

Very respectfully

A. M. C. Fox

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kn. Esq

Secretary of the Interior

Washington

D. C.

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1.270.888 912

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1.209.797.88

14.657.54

SRB

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 23d, 1878.

Sir:

I have the honor to send herewith

No. 7538, from South Hall Bank N.Y., for $15.453.60/100

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]
Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U.S.
New York

[illegible] 7-28-85, 1000

23. November 88

Sir

I this morning received your favor of the 22nd. inst. enclosing sketches showing the location and size of the proposed vaults in the basement and first story of the Mint building, and also the addition to the building in the front, first and second stories.

I hasten to forward them to your office by return mail that you may be subjected to the least possible delay in completing your preliminary work. While the plans are not as extensive and do not embrace all that I had originally hoped for, covering less of the grass plats than I desired, yet, as in your judgment, this could not be done, I have concluded that the ground plan

as you present it, must be accepted as satisfactory, and I give them my Cordial approval, and earnestly thank you for the promptness with which you have acted in the matter.

As the sketches furnished only cover the South portion of the building, may I ask the favor of a blank sketch of the remainder of the building, that I may be enabled to further consider its internal arrangements. After examining it, I will promptly submit any modifications that may occur to me for your judgment. I also very much desire to be favored as soon as possible with a drawing of a front elevation of the building with the extensions as now decided upon.

I feel very much relieved and gratified that the proposed alterations have at

Last assumed definite and satisfactory shape
& that the prospect of the prosecution and early
Completion of the work is so promising and
hopeful

Very respectfully

W. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: William A Freret
Supervising Architect
Washington
D.C.

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(36—4.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Nov 24th, 1888.

Sir.

I draw this day check—

No 7539, favor Fourth Natl Bank, NY, for $3.460.55

" 7540 " Hardy & Hannan " $3.205.68

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]
Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

[ED. 1-28-85. 1000]

Nov 24th 8

Hanby & Harman. New York
Nov 13th 8

199.858.06
199.556.84
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Nov 24th 8

Zimmermann Forshay. New York
Nov 9th 8

98.271.90
98.168.05

0.9455 92.8

Nov 24th 8

South National Bank. Ky.

Nov. 13th 8

49.378.08

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2 Nov 26th 8

3,852,282,681

3,616,865,41

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1,289,895,482

17,214,781

1,216,464,11

16,246,54

Nov 27th 88

Sir:

I endose herewith bids on 100 Bbls Dr. R. Sweeps offered for sale on the 21st inst. as follows. viz:

| | |
|---|---|
| Ed. Ballach (@ 7.7/ per 100 lbs.) | 3.827.85 |
| Howard & Wilde | 3.656.— |
| Chicago & Aurora Smelting & Refining Co | 3.614.82 |
| A. W. Spear & Son | 3.610.— |
| M. Klein & Sulzberger | 3.412.40 |

I hereby award Ed. Ballach & Son being the highest bid & I will with your approval accept the same. Kindly return the accompanying bids with your answer by next mail.

Very Respectfully,

Capt

A. P. Kimball.
Recvr of the Mint.
Washington D.C.

27. November 88

Sir;

Shall I kindly suggest to you that on the 16th. I wrote you two letters one in relation to the increase of the pay of the Helpers and the other as to the appointment of Mrs. Espy and Miss Clark, in respect to both of which, I have heard nothing, attributable perhaps to the letters having been mislaid. Will you be good enough to give me word in relation to the same

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

27: Novemba 88

Sir

I have had Mr Wharton's Contracts and bonds for Dr Cent, and five-cent nickel blanks, Copied, and herewith return the originals as requested in your letter of the 24 th inst.

Very respectfully
P. M. Fox
Superintendent M.

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

28. Novem. 88

The Captain of the Night Watch will allow E. Harrington,
John Houck,
James Glenning
C. Callahan
to enter the Mint tomorrow – the 29th inst. –
to make repairs

L. M. Dox
Superintendent

28: November 88

Sir;

The tabulated statements of expenditures specified in your letter of the 26th ult., are herewith returned with the desired corrections made.

There is no item of expenditure for sewing for the reason that the sewing is all done in the Mint by the ladies employed for other work, but no account is kept of the time devoted to sewing.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

28. November 68

Sir

I have received by Registered Mail for your reference of the 26th inst., letter of Horace J. Brown, transmitting 24½ ounces of old Silver.

A box of old Silver - referred to - was also received by Registered Mail, and was immediately delivered to the Adams Express Company, as no one connected with the Mint is allowed to make deposits for third persons

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Gen: J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

28 November 88

Sir;

We are out of blanks for tabulated statements of expenses.

Please favor us with a further supply!

Very respectfully yours

D. W. Valentine

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

28. November 88

Sir;

Your instructions of the 17th inst. in reference to furnishing laborers for other Unit-ed States officers hereafter, in this City, will be strictly complied with.

I enclose copy of the Certificate signed by one of the Clerks of Assistant Treasurer Page; and also by Mr Helmbold, my Chief Carpenter - in charge of the Laborers of the Unit, showing that 8 men were furnished to the Assistant Treasurer each day from Oct. 30th to Nov. 26th inclusive, but exclusive of Tuesday, Nov. 26th They were employed from 9, a.m. to 12, m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. except Saturdays, when

work ceased at 3 p.m.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

28: November 88

Sir;

The total number of Coin bags loaned to the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia was two (2) thousand

Very respectfully
D. M. Clark
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

28: Revenue. 88

Sir

In compliance with your request of the 27th inst., I herewith transmit the Coiner's Statement for the fiscal year ended June 30. 1888, of the

Percentage of Condemned blanks to blanks cut

" " " " " Coin produced

" " " Coin produced from Ingots operated upon

Very respectfully

L. & W. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

28. Novem. 68

Sir;

I. P. Burrows, Laborer, having resigned, his name will be dropped from the rolls after the 30th inst.

Very respectfully

A. K. Smith

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

28: November 88

Sir,

I have not yet received a requisition for Image dies for the Mint at New Orleans for the Calendar year 1889.

As the time is short should I not receive notice of how many will be required?

Very respectfully

D. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: J. P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

30. November 88

Sir:

In compliance with the instructions of the Director I have this day transmitted to your office the following coins reserved for special assay from the deliveries of the Coiner during the current month.—

20 Standard Dollars
40 Dimes
2 Double Eagles

Respectfully
W. H. Fox
Superintendent

Andrew Mason Esq
Superintendent U.S. Assay Office
New York
N.Y.

30: November 88

Sir;

The communication of the 27th inst., from Shreve, Crump, Low Company, Boston, Mass., with regard to medals, was the first communication we had from these parties.

The order for medals which they say they sent 2 months ago never reached this Mint.

Very respectfully
D M Cox
Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

Monthly Account.

$20.169.00

O. P. Kimball.

Mint of the United States at
SUPERINTENDENT'S

December 1st 8

Sir:

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official. viz:

"Kindly return bids for sweeps, if approved."

Very Respectfully,
W. M. Fr
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington. D.C.

1: December 88

Sir:

In compliance with the instructions of the Director, you will please cause the following coinage dies for the calendar year 1889 to be forwarded to the Mint at New Orleans, "a portion at least" of which should reach that Mint before 1st January next—

Sixty (60) pairs standard silver dollars;

Four (4) pairs of Eagle;

Respectfully

Superintendent

Charles E. Barber Esq
Engraver

F. 15

December 3rd 8

Sir:

I have the honor to forward you by today's mail, my Ordinary, Standard Silver Dollar Coinage, Standard Silver Dollar Storage and Refinery Expense Accounts for the month of November 1888.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

December 3rd 88

Sir.

I herewith transmit Requisition for Stationery for the 6 mos. ending June 30. 1889, also Schedule of Blank Books and Blank Books required for the same period.

In reference to the item "75 lbs. Sealing Wax" I have to state that we are now entirely out of Sealing Wax and need an immediate supply of about 10 lbs for use during the present month.

Yours Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. Jas. P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington D. C.

December 31st 88

Schedule of Blank Books and Blank Forms, required for the use of this Mint, during the six months ending June 30. 1889.

Coiners Department.

"C" State of Operations in Gold and Silver &c 200
1 Book Receipts and Deliveries of Gold Bullion and Coin.
Receipts (No 24.)

General Department

200 Receipts and Expenses, Ordinary Fund (Book)
Detailed Statement of Expenditures (200)
State of Account &c Form 135. 250.
2 Books of Receipts (4 quires each)
1 " Cashiers Blotter
4 Dup. Pass Books. Manuscript.

Mellers & Refiners Department.

2 Books Bars and Grains.

2 " Silver Purchases and Transfers.

4 " " Bullion (No. 183)

Dec 3d 88

Sir:

I enclose herewith Memorandum showing date Trime & Co's ~~&~~ Silver Coin received from the Asst Treasurer U. S. at Philad'a per Wainage, per "S. O" #16371.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

To Jas P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

3: December 1

Sir;

I herewith enclose copy of a Communication of this date from my Cashier together with Blank form 231 a to which he refers.

His requisition for the book mentioned in his closing paragraph was mailed to you on the 27th September last, but I have had no advices from it since.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Copy)

Cashiers

Dec 3d. 88.

Sir.

Upon opening the package of blank daily statements received from Washington, (sample enclosed) I find that the Minor Coinage ac is omitted without margin or space to amend the error.

I have further to say that the blank schedules for shipments of Silver ordered months ago, have not yet come to hand, and the want seriously embarrasses this office.

The "Cashiers Gold and Silver Coinage and Bar acct" Blotter, ordered two months since to be forwarded to this office before Jan 1. 1889. has not yet arrived. Will you please advise the Director of these omissions, and ask for a prompt filling of these old orders.

Very Respectfully

M M Cooke.

Hon Dan'l McFee.
Superintendent.

Dec 3d

3.571.258

3.358.010.21

1.293

December 4th 88

Supplemental Statute of Blank Books & Blank Forms required for the 6 mos. ending June 30 1889

General Department.

Silver Bullion Deposited etc 500 —

" " " " 500 —

Gold " " " 2000 —

14 Books Register of Gold & Silver Deposits etc.

4. Decem. 8

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting the oath of office of Mrs Rectoria St. C. Espy, recently appointed Adjuster in this Mint

Very respectfully

Mark W. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Also that of Miss Mary W. Clark

4. Decem: 88.

Sir:

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 1st inst., I have to explain, in compliance with your request, that the 26 three-dollar gold pieces, and the 189 one-dollar gold pieces reported in abstract B of the Medal-Fund account for the quarter ended Sept. 30: 88, were received from the Superintendent's Cashier (not from the Coroner) from an amount on hand received from and reported by the Coroner the previous quarter.

Attention was directed to this matter in the Coroner's report of proof

coins for the quarter ended June 30. 1888

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D.C.

C. December 8th

Sir,

I have given notice to the respective operative officers and clerks concerned of the extents specified in your letter of the 4th inst. required for the current calendar year for your report on the distribution of precious medals; with special instructions to have them prepared and verified ready for transmition in time to reach you by the 15th prox.

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

5. December 88

Sir.

In reply to yours of the 4th Inst. I regret to state that we have not any Copy in stock of form No. 231, the Cashier having used the last one before he discovered that what he supposed was an additional supply was really form 231a, and not available for his purposes. We need 300 Copies of form 231, and to get a form for the printers use, am obliged to refer you to those which are on file in your office.

The Cashier informs me that he sent up a Copy of form 556 – "Report of Shipment of Standard Silver Dollars" – with other blanks required for his office in June last, but on referring to our press Copy of the Schedule of blank forms needed for the current 6 months –

mailed to your office on the 7th June last - I do not find any mention of this form. At any rate by some unknown inadvertence that form - a copy of which I enclose - was not ordered. I should have 300 of them

Very respectfully

D. H. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Dec 5th 88

Sir:

On the 4th inst I received through your office the following remittance for minor coins for account of the party named -

Victor Savings Institution. Charleston S.C. $20.

I have also notified the party interested -

Respectfully
Jas McTo
Supt.

Hon James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington. D.C.

5. November 88

Sir;

As you are aware there has been for a considerable length of time a series of experiments in the line of reduction of inadequate heavy planchets with a view to diminish the quantity which has heretofore been wasted, and having as it is believed by those who have been making such experiments, reached a point at which by the construction of a comparatively simple machine, great service can be rendered in this particular, as will be seen by the representations contained in the correspondence of which the herewith annexed letters are copies: one of them from Mr. Abel, Coiner, of date of 22nd ults., another one of 19th September last from

from William C. Fulton, Sec. of the Waterbury Farrell Foundry and Machine Co - (addressed to Mr. Samuel James. Master Mechanic) and another to Dr. Tuttle, Melter and Refiner of this Mint, - the first and last of them being addressed to me.

The amount involved in the construction of such a machine is stated as being about 600 dollars.

I submit the matter for your consideration, and if it meet with your approval, I will be pleased to have authority to you to open correspondence with the Waterbury Farrell Foundry and Machine Co, with a view to obtaining one of the machines referred to

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Superintendent

Hon. J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

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Copy

Melting & Refining Department

Philadelphia Dec 5. 88

Hon Daniel M Fox
Superintendent

Sir

Referring to the matter of purchasing a recutting press for the reduction of heavy blanks, about which you have honored me with a request for an expression of opinion; I have to say, that I fully endorse the Coiner Clerk's request that such purchase be made. The object is one in which I have taken great interest as likely to effect a notable saving of metal, through diminished remeltings as well as reduction of attendant expenses.

Furthermore, the reputation of the Mint for good work would be enhanced in a marked degree by its record for coin produced

from nigots. I am conversant with the experiments attended to by Mr Steel as they were made under my own eye in the machine shop of the Mint upon material in my charge. The results were so favorable that it seemed desirable to get information as to the best form of power press readily obtainable, suited to the work.

The result so far as obtained is before you in the letter of the Farrel Machine Co which is accompanied by sample blanks (brass) cut on this system. These specimens show a proper understanding of what is needed, and excellent execution.

The correspondence with the Farrell Co. having been informal, and preliminary I may be pardoned the suggestion that their letter be made the basis of an official enquiry as to the nature of their offer, and what

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they expect to accomplish with such description of feed mechanism and devices for freeing the cutter from shavings &c. as will enable us to judge of their efficiency

The preliminary work done by the Farrell Co. leaves little doubt as to the satisfactory nature of their reply, but it would seem to be prudent to have a free expression from them before giving a definite order

Very respectfully
D. K. Tuttle
M. E.

Copy

Coiner's Department

Nov. 22nd 88

Hon Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent
Sir

I have the honor to state, that in order to test the practicability of re-cutting the diameter of excessive heavy silver dollar blanks to within the legal tolerance of weight, a series of experiments have been made with a hand press and punch prepared for the purpose, and the result of the trial showed a large proportion of the pieces operated upon inside the weight prescribed by law, and the balance of them reduced to adjusting limits.

As this cutting press suggests itself as an auxiliary to the present appliances

to increase the production of Coin from the ingot, and in view of the results obtained from the experiments as above mentioned, it was thought that a press on the principle of re-cutting might be perfected and arranged for different sized punches, so as to reduce selected classes of heavy blanks to the required weight, and to further this object, I would respectfully recommend the purchase of a press for this work in the hope that the results on a power press working more rapidly will give as successful results as the hand press above referred to.

In a communication relative to this subject from the Farrel Foundry and Machine Co of Waterbury Conn: they state that a press for this work, including including the feed and one set of dies, with fixtures, would cost probably $600.- This would include some

preliminary experimenting, and freight
paid to this City

Very respectfully
Your Obedient Servant
W. J. Steel
Owner

Copy

"The Waterbury Tarred Jounty
& Machine Co" } Waterbury Conn Sept 19. 1888

Sam & James Esq
Dear Sir

Yrs letter of the 12th inst. duly received
In our judgment you would need
a No. 5 size single action press - see page 708 -
and to be provided with suitable "tube feed"
(see on page 64) The Cost of this feed and one
set of dies with fixtures would probably come to
about $ 850 00 and the net Cost of press is $ 750 00
making total cost 1600 00 net and would pay
freight to Philadelphia. We are willing to make
a die and punch and do some preliminary ex-
perimenting without Cost to you - to see what success
we obtain in getting the scrap without the long-

and we will do this very soon

Yours truly

Wm E Fulton, Secy

1888

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

December 6th 1888

Sir:

I enclose herewith bill in duplicate of The Pratt & Whitney Co. Hartford, Conn. for the sum of $350, being the contract price for one Standard 12 in. Measuring Machine, ordered May 8th 1888. Have the kindness to forward a draft to that Company for the amount, the bill being payable from the appropriation of this Mint, for the Fiscal year ended June 30th 1888.

Very Respectfully.

D M Boyd

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

SKR

(85-L.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 6th, 1888.

Sir.

I draw this day check

No 7541, favor Jacob Hannan, for $143.967.85

" 7542, " J. W. Seligman & Co., " $19.895.43

" 7543, " Heslage Belgate & Co., " $23.999.51

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

D. M. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

Phila. Pa.

(No. 1-28-85. 2000)

Dec 6th 88

Sir.

I endose herewith bill in duplicate for $588.32/100 being the valur of dies manufactured for and transmitted to the Mint U.S. at New Orleans, La. in conformity with your letter of instruction dated Nov 30th 1888.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon Jas. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

6: Decem. 88

Sir;

In compliance with instructions of the 20th Nov., I have forwarded to the Mint of the United States at New Orleans the following dies in partial fulfilment of your order viz:-

Twenty pairs Standard dollar - Nos. 1 to 20 inclusive both Obverse & Reverse

four pairs Eagle, 669 inclusive ditto ditto

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

6. December 88

Sir

In your letter of the 5th inst., advising me that you have examined, approved, and referred my medal fund account for the quarter ending September 30th 1888, you remark that "in briefing the papers pertaining to this account, they have erroneously been endorsed 'the first quarter 1889' instead of 3rd quarter 1888"

In reply I have to state that they were endorsed "1st Quarter 1889" in literal and exact compliance with instructions from the acting director of the Mint under date of June 20. 1888 informing me that thereafter "the numbering of Quarters would be by fiscal years instead of Calendar

years as heretofore" and that "the first quarter will embrace the months of July, August, and September, and so on through the year, the 4th quarter ending June 30th."

Very respectfully

D. W. McFee

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

SRP

December 7th 8

Sir;

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor for the sum of twelve thousand ($12,000) Dollars, payable from the appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, to aid in meeting the expenses of this Mint, on that account for the current month.

Very Respectfully.
R. M. McFee
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Sec'y.

December 7th 8

Sir;

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor, for the sum of fifteen hundred (1500) Dollars, payable from the appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion, to aid in meeting the expenses of this Mint, on that account for the current month.

Very Respectfully.
Robt. M. Patterson
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Dec 7th 8

Zimmermann Forshay.

Dec 5th 8

50.84 1.65

50.71 2.90

09 41 5 47.74 6.20

(86—A.)

# Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 7th, 1881.

Sir:

I draw this day check—

No 7544, favor Hunter & Harman, for $29.27 81/100

" 7545, " Zimmermann Forbay, " $47.76 20/100

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully.

W. W. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

[Ed. 3-25-95. 1000]

SRA

December 7th 8

Sir.

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official, viz:

"Half Dollars, two thousand and nine ounces ~~thirty~~ eight hundredths ($2009\frac{38}{100}$) Quarter Dollars, two thousand and nine ounces thirty seven hundredths, ($2009\frac{37}{100}$). Seigniorage, three hundred eighty one Dollars ~~twenty~~ seven cents, ($381\frac{27}{100}$)."

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Svt
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

SRA

Dec 7th 88

Sir:

Referring to your recent telegram of instructions on the subject (first officially by this mail) I report Recoinage of Trade Dollars under your order of Dec 8th 1887, as follows, viz:

Half Dollars — Ozs 1.009.38 = $2.500.00
Seigniorage on same $190.63/

Quarter Dollars — Ozs 1.009.37 = $2.500.00
Seigniorage on same $190.64/

at an average cost of $1.149.294 per oz

Respectfully
Asst Dir Mint

Hon. Jas D. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Dec 7th 88

Mr Saml James

Foreman of Machinists

Sir:

You are hereby directed to make statements of the time made by the employees in your department and hand them to the Miscellaneous Clerk as soon after the end of the month as possible; not later than the 5th day of the calender month.

Very Respectfully

W M Fox

Supt.

Aug. 7th 85

Mr. S. Herin

Carpenter,

Sir:

You are hereby directed to have statements of the time made by the employees in your department, (and hand them in to the Miscellaneous Clerk) as soon after the end of the month as practicable, not later than the 5th day of the calendar month

Very Respectfully

D Mac

Supt.

SPO

Office of the United States Marshal

[illegible] 18[illegible].

Sir:

I have this day check-

ed to [illegible] from Handy & Hinman [illegible] 15.786.81/100

[illegible]

in payment for Ora Fulton

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Deputy Marshal.

Hon. United States M. S.

[illegible]

[illegible]

S. December 88

Sir:-

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:-

"Please send ten (10) pounds sealing wax immediately: We are entirely out. See letter Ind. Trust. accompanying semi-annual requisition."

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Servt.

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Philadelphia

30th November 8

30th

November 8

Pittsburgh 16

Rochester 5

H. S. Cochran

$11.6

(66—2)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 10th, 1888.

Sir.

I enclose herewith

No. 5457, from Hanover National Bank, N.Y., for $87.197.80

" 5458, " Fulton Bulgate Bank, " $29.674.00

" 5459, " Central National Bank, " $4.808.89

" 5500, " American Exchange National Bank, N.Y. " $116.108.97

" ?, " ?, " $ ?

" ?, " ?, " $ ?

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[illegible]
Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.,
New York.

[Ex. 3-25-88. 1700]

SRB

Dec 10th 8

American Exchange Natl Bank. N.Y.

Dec 7th 8

124.902.10

124.714.25

116.108.97

0.9310

Dec 10th 8

Sir.

On the 8th inst. I remitted through your office the following remittances for minor coins, for account of the party named.

First Nat'l Bank, Minneapolis, Kans. $20-

I have also notified the party interested.

Respectfully

D. M. C. McFox

Supt.

Hon James P Kimball,
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

F.H.S

Dec 10th 8

3.877.183.82Z

3.639.383.22 71.963 X

4.656 X

6.747.445 347

6.043 251

588.456.27

5719.09

LRb

Dec 11th 8

Handy & Harman. New York

Dec 4th 8

226.541.33

226.123.42

0.941.5 212.895.19

SRb

(No. 4.)

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 11th, 1868.

Sir,

I send this day check—

No. 7551, favor Handy Hannam, for $30.750.37
" 7552 " South Fall Bank. N.Y. " $16.116.56
" 7553 " Zimmerman Bonham. " $21.409.79
" " " " " $
" " " " " $
" " " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]
Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

(Rev. 1-25-66. 1000)

11. December 88

Esq.

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 10th inst. with regard to the purchase of bone ash from M. L. Shoemaker & Co. at 12¢ per lb., I have to state that the purchase in question was for the Assayers use, and is the only bone ash in this market that is of suitable quality for assaying.

After the death of the late Moro Phillips - who had supplied the Mint with bone ash many years - the Assayer was embarrassed by inferior bone ash from other sources, and after experimenting with a number of manufacturers, he finally ascertained that the bone ash furnished by the above firm was satisfactory, and we have procured it

from them ever since.

I may add the general remark that very few of our Contract supplies are available in the assay department. They will answer for general purposes but not for the Assayers special use

Very respectfully

Your obt

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

December 11th 8

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official, viz:

Coiner operated on Seven hundred forty seven, eight fifty three, eighty hundredths (747.853 80) ounces Gold. Thirty five, seven seventy one, five seventy nine, ninety hundredths (35.771.579 90) ounces Silver. Melter & Refiner operated on, One, one twenty, nine fifty one, four ninety one thousandths (1.120.951. 491 c) ounces Gold. Thirty seven, three eleven, one ninety seven, forty seven hundredths, (37.311.197. 47 c) ounces Silver."

Very Respectfully,
L. A. Lee
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

11. Decem: 58

Sir,

In answer to yours of the 9th inst. I have to state that I can let you have 50 gold dollars in return for a U.S. Treasury Draft to my order payable in this City.

They will all be of the large size - the only kind we stroke. Please inform me how I shall send them to you.

From 1849 to 1854 gold dollars were of small diameter: since the latter date they are all of the present large size

Very respectfully

Your Obt Servt

Superintendent

H.G. Forrey Esq
U.S. Assay Office
New York
N.Y.

11: December 88

Sir:

On the 27th October last, I was obliged to make requisition for 2 Storekeepers books. In your letter of Nov. 12, you kindly informed me that they would be sent me in the course of 10 days. They have not yet come, & the Storekeeper is very uneasy because his books are almost full. If the promised books can be forwarded in the course of 48 hours, it will greatly oblige me

Very respectfully

D. & M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11 December 88

Sir:

Samuel [illegible] Porter, Helper, Mo. R., having resigned his name will be dropped from the Rolls after the 8th inst.,

Very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Hon: James F. Rinehart
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Copy 31 & 32
transferred to
Miscellaneous
L.B.

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13. December 88

Dear Sir;

The bearer of this note Mr. Charles Faurest, Superintendent of Construction of the improvements at the United States Mint, Philad. He calls to see you for the purpose of learning whether in the post office building the room formerly occupied by Mr. McArthur to attend to the Architectural matters of the building when it was in process of Construction or finishing, is available as a room suitable to this purpose, and his drawings and whether there be any of the furniture which Mr McArthur used in that room, able to be adapted to his purpose: or, whether any more

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suitable could be availed of.

If so he will make a statement to the Treasury Department and doubtless will get authority for the use thereof.

I commend him to your courtesy and attention

Very respectfully

Your Ob't Serv't

Superintendent

Wm. A. Harris Esq.

Nat'l Museum

Philada

D.M.S

December 13th 8

Sir:

The following telegram sent you yesterday is hereby made official, viz:

"To include Refining, make figures operated by Meller fiscal year, eighty seven, eighty eight (87.88) Gold thirteen fifty nine nought ninety five, seven sixty seven thousandths (1359.095.767) Standard ounces, Silver thirty seven millions, two eighty eight, five eighty eight, seventy nine hundredths. (37.288.588.79) Standard ounces."

Very Respectfully

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

Supt.

B.M.S.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 13th, 1888.

Sir.

I draw this day check—

No 7554 favor Handy Harman for $29.306.29

" 7555 " J.W. Seligman & Co. " $50.700.07

" 7556 " Nesslage, Colgate & Co " $95.338.44

" 7557 " South Side Bank, N.Y. " $16.843.24

" " " " $

" " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

New York.

[illegible]

F. M. S.

Dec 13th 8

J. W. Seligman & Co. New York.

Dec 14th 8

100.243.95

100.117.77

94.755.70

0.9415

Dec 14th

Dec 13th 8

J. W. Seligman & Co. New York.

Dec 8th 8

H9.857.10

H9.774.22

H6.339.80

0.9310

Dec 13th 8

Hessberg, Bolgate & Co. New York

Dec 14th 8

100.691.65

100.357.42

0.9415 94.486.51

Dalton

F. N. S

Dec 8

Fourth National Bank. N.Y.

Dec 4th 8

40.160.49

40.115.44

0.9415 37.768.69

W. W. Hall

13. December 88

Sir;

Respectfully referring to your letter of the 10th inst., I send you to day by Adams Express Co. $1108 39/100 in gold and silver Coin, being the net value of the special assay Ami bars specified in your letter.

I also enclose memorandums, Nos., 888 and 380 which explain themselves

Respectfully

D.M. Clk for

Superintendent

Hon. J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

13. Decem. 85

Sir

On arriving at the Mint this morning I found a package addressed to the Farnese containing first and second floor plans with a letter of instructions. On the Farneses arrival the package was opened.

The character of the plans, in some respects from the diminution in space which we had hoped for, has been departed from, in relation to the subdivision of spaces on these floors, and I would like to examine the original plans.

Assuming that you have got what information you wish from the perusal of the suggested plans, will you be good enough to send either the plans

themselves embracing the ground floor to use, a have the three plans - ground floor, first, and second floor - blue-printed, as I think some improvements may be suggested upon those plans — as I have no copy here.

I would thank you for these at your earliest convenience.

Do not forget the front elevation to be photographed

Mr Faurot thinks that he would have better facilities at the Post Office than that I could furnish for his own purposes and the purposes of this arrangement and I have accordingly given him a letter to Mr Harrity, the Assistant of the Post Office Building

Very respectfully

D. M. Clarke

Superintendent

William Alfred Edy
Supervising Architect
Washington D.C.

Dec 13th 8

4.030.360 416

3.782.269.34 163.365 x

11.985 x

906.002 163

10.611 144

848.921.03

10.045 21

13 : December 88

Sir;

I have examined the Mint premises and found that in neither of the rooms could I make shift to suit Mr Fawcett, Superintendent of Construction of Mint Improvements, and accordingly, and accordingly gave him a letter to Mr Harrity this morning.

This afternoon he dropped in to say that room No. 13, in the Post office building in a notice on the door of suitable designation "Superintendent of Repairs". This room is fitted up with whatever would be necessary for a builder a architect, furnished very conveniently, but it seems, as he says, the assistant Custodian uses this room for

his purposes and as Mr Harrity was not in Mr Drake, Assistant Postmaster informed Mr Forrest that that was already occupied and he could not have it. Both he and I are desirous of saving all the money we can to the Government and have concluded, that a proper economy would be that Mr Forrest would have no need for additional furniture were No 13 to be allowed him.

I may say that Mr Forrest states that there are half a dozen rooms not in use at all in the Post Office building but this room No 13 is so admirably suited that for the short period he may occupy it, he could proceed at once to his duty as everything in the way of furniture is already in, and the other rooms being unfurnished, it would create considerable

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expense to obtain the material necessary to make either of them suitable.

The Farmer thinks that if a kindly suggestion was made to the Post master that it would be a saving for the short period it would be occupied, that the Post master would accomodate him and he thus would be afforded the ability to proceed at once with his work without any delay in furnishing

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Superintendent

William A. Freret Esq
Supervising Architect
Washington
D.C.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 14th 1858.

Sir

I have the honor to transmit

herewith No 7558, for Handy Harman for $126.691.96
" 7559 " Zimmerman & Forshay " $25.106.66

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully

Your obedient Servant

A. M'Elroy
Superintendent

Secretary Treasury U.S.
Washington D.C.

Dec 14th 8

Zimmermann & Forshay. New York.

Dec 8th 8

5c.033.15

49.963.96

46.516.45

0.9310

14. December 88

Sir;

Referring to our recent conference on the subject, I now recommend that the Compensation of Mrs C. C. Sexton, Forewoman of the Adjusting Room be increased from $3.00 to $3.25 per day: and that the pay of Miss Mary L. Almond Assistant Forewoman of Adjusters be increased from $2.25 to $2.50 per day — being an increase of 25¢ a day in each case.

This equitable increase harmonizes with the increase of the Adjusters' pay made sometime ago, and is justly due to these ladies as a slight recognition of long, intelligent, and faithful

service on their part. Mrs. Sexton has been in the Mint service 38 years and Miss Almond 34 years. They formerly had charge of about 40 adjusters, while they now are responsible for the work of 130 adjusters, - under their immediate supervision. Their duties are arduous and difficult, requiring quick intelligence and constant vigilance, and, in general the exercise of the best qualities needed for the proper discharge of the varied duties of the positions they occupy, and I have been anxious that the efficiency and value of their services to the Government should receive proper pecuniary recognition and reward, and I take great pleasure in submitting the

proposed increase for your official ap-
proval.

Very respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James D Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

LRB

December 14th 88

Sir:

I enclose herewith a Statement of the sale of a certain lot of old Copper Cent Meltings, showing the value, amount received and loss incurred, and would respectfully request that a draft be forwarded to me, payable from the appropriation for loss on old Copper Cent Meltings for $1.309.44.

I would be glad to have the draft mailed to me as early as practicable, so that I may include it in the accounts of the present Quarter.

Very Respectfully,

D. M. Fox

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington, D.C.

LRL

December 14th.

Statement of old Copper Cents Melted into Bars, and sold to George Megee; with Loss on Same.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 5791.61 lbs. held as purchased Metal | | # 1667.30 |
| 1781.39 " valued in Coin at | | 769.73 |
| 3. " loss by melting into Bars. | | .86 |
| | Total | # 2437.89 |
| Amount received from George Megee for 7523 lbs. @ 15¢ per lb. | | 1128.45 |
| | Net Loss | # 1309.44 |

Dec 17th 1878.

Pay to the order of Messrs. Dodge, Wolcott & Co.

Seventy five hundred and thirty seven dollars 27/100

To Messrs. Dodge, Wolcott & Co.
New York

Superintendent

Dec 17th 8

Newburgh Lodge No. New York
Dec 7th 8

99.498.90
99.359.52
0.9310 92.503.71

Philad.a Pa.
Dec 17th 8

Nov 30th 1888

87.b.64.1/00

accepting Asst Clerk's No. 7589 for 3.4.00.55 was issued on the 24th inst. and the 28th as would appear upon your statement. I return same, which kindly correct & forward.

Asst Treas. N.Y.

Dupt U. S. Mint.
Dupt U. S. Mint.

Dec 17th 38

Sir.

On the 7th of August last, I received a letter of an application from the Superintendent of the Carson Mint, to buy, or borrow, some furnace for the treatment of base bullion, by Retorts. I now enclose for your consideration the communication under date of the 13th inst. from Walter & Reiner & Tuttle.

Very respectfully
Your Ob't
Superintendent

Hon J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington D. C.

17 Decem: 87

Sir

Mrs A. V. Helmick, Adjutator, having resigned, her name will be dropped from the rolls after the 31st inst.

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon. James R. Randall
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

17: December 87

Sir

In conformity with the provisions of Sec: 3307 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coiner herein endorsed, I have appointed Miss Nannie Helmick, Adjuster in this Mint @ $2.00 per diem — vice Mrs A. V. Helmick resigned - to take effect on the 1st prox., and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully
[illegible]
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

17. December 78

Sir,

I have the honor to inclose for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury Certificate of Deposit No. 7234, of the Assistant Treasurer in this City, for $100.00, deposited on account of Marine Hospital Fund.

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon: James B. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

17: December 88

Sir;

I have the hona to receive from you this morning a package of plans, being the material based upon which the building was originally constructed, which I hand over to the Superintendent of Construction Mr. Faurest, but these are not the ones I meant in my Communication of the 15 thinst. I meant the suggestion-plans taken by me some weeks ago to Washington and which I handed over to the Director. Of course, I assume that they are in your possession. They embrace the basement and first story and second story of the building. They are those which Mr Von Herda, your Architect, brought on

with, at the time we had a consultation in my office, and which he took back with him. I would be glad to have these plans either blue printed at the identical ones; also the front elevation, and the plan for construction of the vaults.

Unless we have them all before us, we can hardly with our experience, be able to conclude as to the most judicious arrangement we can make of the acquired space.

The Superintendent of Construction is with me this morning for consultation and I am somewhat at a loss for want of the papers I make mention of.

I may say that he has not yet arranged with regard to the room he wishes in the Post Office for his services, in relation to which I made mention

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in my last letter, and he says it will save a good deal of time if room No 13, which he desires, could be placed under his control, which was formerly occupied by Mr. MacArthur the Architect of the Post Office building

Respectfully

A. Todd

Superintendent

William A. Freret Esq
Supervising Architect
Washington
D.C.

17. December 88

Sir;

Manifestly the time has come when something should be done to enable this Mint to meet the increased and enormous demand from all parts of the Country for minor coins. These demands are more pressing and importunate if anything than at any former period in my experience. I have now in bank deposits and remittances for minor coins to the amount of $123,320.77 and every mail adds to the amount over and above our daily shipments. Some of my correspondents have asked a refund of their money but the great majority do not want a refund — they want the Coins, and write to me most urgently

by every mail to know why they cannot get them. I received 50 letters this morning.

As the government desires to accommodate the public in this regard - and it is proper that they should be served - I would suggest as the only Channel of relief that I be allowed to make overtime so far as the mint-coinage is concerned, until this extraordinary demand is overtaken, and I can meet it within the regular hours.

I recommend this of Course as a temporary expedient to meet an emergency which gives me great concern and annoyance.

I submit it for your consideration and hope you will be able to give the public and myself the desired relief from an extreme embarrassment. I shall be thankful for a reply at your early convenience and most earnestly hope that

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it may be in the affirmative

I am respectfully

Your Obt

Superintendent

Hon. James I. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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[illegible]

S/Ck

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 18th 1868.

Sir:

I have the honor to deliver

to the Treasurer of the United States, Washington, D. C., for account of Handy Harman, for $61.771. HH

Seven Hundred Fifty Six 1/100 Dollars

in fine bars, as per receipt of Assistant Treasurer U. S. at New York.

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[illegible]

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

[illegible]

Dec 1 7th 08.

7562 Handy Hannaw 13.8.0.4. 55/100

SRL

Certificate on page 178

December 19 88.

Sir:

As requested in your letter of the 18th. inst. I enclose herewith a certificate from George Megee, showing the amount of Copper received by him from me, and the amount paid for the same.

Very Respectfully.

D.M. Rose

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

Certificate Page 178

19 Decem: 88

Sir

I inclose you a token issued, according to the imprint upon the peice, by the Rochester City and Brighton R.R. Co, which says "Good for one fare", which seems to be in vio= lation of its declared intent to be in vio= lation of law.

I think it proper that I should apprise you of the fact for your disposition of the matter

Very respectfully
Your Ob't Ser.
Superintendent

Hon: James C. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

19: Decem. 88

Sir;

On the 11th December inst. I had the honor to receive a communication under date 10th inst. from you apprising me that the department had formally directed Mr. Fauvest to enter upon the discharge of his official duties as superintendent of construction, stating his compensation at $6.00 per day Sunday included, and that it would commence on and include this date, and that he was authorized to audit and issue vouchers therefor accordingly; that the action was thereby approved and I was to make payment in accordance therewith from funds which were to be remitted to me

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on account of appropriation therefor.

Mr Forrest I am informed entered upon duty on that day. I find in the book of instructions page 11. sec 1 paragraph 2 that the Superintendent upon receipt of letter of assignment to duty must subscribe to his oath of office and forward it to the Supervising Architect for filing, from the date of which, Compensation would commence and continue until his service was suspended or discontinued.

I am informed that there has been no blank oath of office sent him, although he has executed on the 16th inst a blank oath of office touching the subject, but he is not aware whether it is in due form or not. I enclose the same for your perusal. If it is not in form please send a new one filled out as

it is to be for him again qualifying himself and I feel that I ought to call your attention to the fact of the effect and value of making the oath accord with the rule which I do not see how it can be now.

Give me instructions upon the subject

Respectfully
Your Ob't Sv't
Superintendent

William A. Freret Esq.
Supervising Architect
Washington
D.C.

Philadelphia
Dec 19 - 1888.

This is to certify that I have purchased and received from Daniel M. Fox, Supt. of the U. S. Mint at Philada, Seventy five hundred and twenty three (7523) pounds of old Copper Cent Meltings, and for which I have paid him the sum of Eleven hundred twenty eight 45/100 (1128 45/100) Dollars, being the value thereof at Fifteen (15) Cents per pound, and that I hold his receipt dated December 12th 1888. for the money so paid.

George Megee

19: December 67

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst. inquiring how we arrive at certain percentages of condemned blanks given in my letter of the 28th ultmo., I beg leave to enclose a copy of the Comm's communication to me on the subject, which I hope will be satisfactory.

Very respectfully

Your obt. svt.

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Copy

Comr's Department

December 19th 88

Hon Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent
Phila

Referring to the Director's letter of the 17th inst. relative to the Statement of the percentage of Condemned blanks to coin produced forwarded the 20th ult. I have the honor to state, that the percentage given was arrived at by taking the total blanks and coin as against the Condemned, as that was understood to be the proposition. The Statement of the percentage as given in memorandum indicates that my view of the question was erroneous, and will correct my figures to agree therewith

Very respectfully
W. S. Stuck
Comr

Dec 20th

7563 from Handy & Hannan for $ 44.692.50

Dec 20th 8

Handy Harman. New York.
Dec 7th 8

200.775.95
200.486.66
0.9310 186.653.07

December 20th 88.

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official, viz:

"Figures given originally, close as possible to stat. No record kept by Assayer, of each operation. Figures telegraphed yesterday are the actual resultant assays. Assays made to get those results, exceed figures two to fourfold".

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

December 20th 88

Sir.

The following telegram sent you yesterday is hereby made official. viz:

"Gold assays, thirty nine hundred and six (3906) Silver twenty eight thousand four hundred (28400) all in duplicate, many in triplicate, In many, four assays were made."

Very Respectfully
Wm McPhee
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

20 Decem 85

Sir:

I herewith return to your files - as I suppose is proper - letters of Oct 16th & 17th from the former and Superintendent of the San Francisco Mint and also - one copy of the trial of the trial given in the Rolling room of this Mint to test machinery manufactured by Messrs Scoop Jon of this City; the results of which trials did not prove to be favorable

Very respectfully
Wm M Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

20 December 88

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit report of Medals and Proof-sets sold during the fiscal year ended June 30. 1888; including report of single gold proof pieces

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

M.M.

XI. — Medals and proof sets sold during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1888

| Description. | Medals. Number sold | Medals. Value | Proof Sets. Number sold | Proof Sets. Value |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Gold | 125 | $ 3863.97 | 52 | $ 2236.01 |
| Silver | 541 | 1576.38 | 660 | 1430.00 |
| Bronze | 740 | 647.65 | 3289 | 544.68 |
| Total | 1409 | 6088.00 | 4001 | 4610.68 |
| Single pieces. | | | | |
| Double Eagles | | | 66 | 1336.50 |
| Eagles | | | 22 | 225.50 |
| Half Eagles | | | 40 | 210.00 |
| Quarter Eagles | | | 37 | 101.75 |
| Three dollar pieces | | | 146 | 474.50 |
| One dollar pieces | | | 918 | 1022.50 |
| | | | 1129 | 3370.75 |
| Total value of proof sets | | | | 7981.43 |

Dec 20th 8

4.219.368.351

3.957.298.72 42.741 X

630 X

1.238.918.221 1.158.974.33

27.654.1441 26.013.61

Dec 21st 8.

Handy & Harman $39.749.30

24: December 88

Sir,

Mrs. Maggie E. Colby, Adjuster, having resigned, her name will be dropped from the rolls after the 31st inst.

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James O. Pierce 1st Asst.
Secretary of the Interior
Washington
D.C.

21 December 88

Sir,

In conformity with the provisions of Sect. 2007 of Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Board herein endorsed, I have appointed Miss Anna B South an Assistant in this Mint @ a Compensation of $2000 per annum — vice Miss Maggie E Bailey resigned — to take effect from date hereof; and submit the same for your approval

Very Respectfully

A. M. Eckfeldt
Superintendent

Hon. James A. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Mint of the United States, Philadelphia,

Dec 22, 1900.

Sir,

I am directed to say that

No 7565 from Handy Harman, for $12.685.33

to forward you Mint Certificate.

I am very respectfully,

A. M. Hoe

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

[Jan 7 '98 M. 1000]

December 22nd 88

Sir:

Under the Contract for 5% Nickel Blanks now pending with Joseph Wharton, the 50.000 pounds to be delivered before January 1st 1889. will have been completed in a day or two. The demand for this Coin still continues and pressingly so. I therefore ask for authority to ~~[illegible]~~ Cable for an additional 50.000 pounds, and would be pleased to hear from you by return mail.

Very Respectfully.
[illegible]
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

22 December 88

Sir:

I duly received your letter of the 14th inst. enclosing Treasury draft for $123.— being the value of special assay Coins forwarded to the Bureau from this Mint, for the months of July and August 1888.

Our books show that the amount is correct.

Your letter of transmission was inadvertently filed away under the mistaken impression that it had been acknowledged

Very respectfully
Your Obt
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

22: December 88

Sir:

In conformity with the provisions of Section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that I have made the following promotions, and appointments in my department:-

John R. Phillipi from Laborer, to Fireman @ $2 00 per diem - vice John Horam, promoted to Assistant Engineer - to take effect on his assuming his new duties, and

John Golden and Michael J. Barrett, Laborers at $2 00 per diem each, - the former vice E. J. Palmer appointed Oct 16th and who has never reported for duty, and the latter vice John J. Phillipi, promoted to Fireman - on taking their official oaths; and I submit

for same for your approval

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James Pumball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington,
D.C.

Spk

December 24th 88.

Sir;

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Check no. 2c 241 for $175. in payment of Special Assay Coins for the months of September, October and November 1885

Very Respectfully
Yours
Supt.

Hon. Andrew Mason.
Supt. U.S. Assay Office
New York

F.H.S

Dec 24th 8

4.090.099.268

3.836.013.87

360 ±

1.326.912.723

29.971.476

1.240.991.24

28.275.05

N. H. Fox

Due 26th 8

1786 — Sundry Damage £27.02.28

199½

United States Mint
Philad: 26 Dec: 1888

Respectfully referred to the Assistant Sec: in charge of the United States Philadelphia, and the letter is advised

D. M. Fox
Superintendent

27: December 88

Sir:

In conformity with the provisions of Section 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Melter & Refiner herein endorsed, I have appointed John M. Geiss, Helper in his department - vice Samuel Slothier resigned - @ $2 2/0 per diem, to take effect from date of oath, and submit the same for your approval

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

T.H.W

Dec 27th 8

4.019.322 438

3.769.633.20

608 X

1.326.912 743

30.582 225

1.240.981.24

28.857.472

D.H.Fox

28. Dec'm 88

Sir;

I am required to ship 10.000.000 Standard dollars to the Treasury Department at Washington and am therefore obliged to make the supplementary requisition - herewith enclosed - for 300 pounds of sealing wax, in addition to the 75 pounds specified in my regular semi-annual requisition.

The Adams Express Company will not receive - and I am not willing to deliver - coin bags, that are not securely sealed with wax, and to do this I must be sufficiently supplied with the article :- and should add that it ought to be forwarded to me as soon as practicable.

We shall begin the proposed shipments

next week and must have the wax on hand or suspend our shipments until it can come — or else, I my come here.

This extra demand for wax was not known to me at the time my semi-annual requisition was made out

I my respectfully
D W Fox
Superintendent

Hon James P Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

SRk

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Dec 29th 1858.

Sir:

I draw this day check

No. 7567, from Landy & Harman, for $ 13.16. 84/100

" " " " " " $

" " " " " " $

" " " " " " $

" " " " " " $

" " " " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

L. Eckfeldt

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

[Ex. 1-29-58. 1000]

SRL

Dec 29th 8

Hardy & Harman. New York

Dec 11th 8

299.872.31

299.327.76

0.9315 278.823.79

S.F.

Dec 29th 88

Sir:

I enclose herewith bill in duplicate for $144.70 being the value of dies manufactured and transmitted to the Mint U.S. at San Francisco, Cal. in conformity with your letter of instruction dated Dec 7th 1888.

Very Respectfully
W.H. Hoe
Supt.

Hon Jas P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

29 December 68

Sir,

I herewith transmit the Certificate of deposit from the Assistant Treasurer of the United States in this City, in my favor for $82.04 on account of old material sold.

I also enclose account current of the same

Very Respectfully

D. McCallum

Superintendent

Hon: James Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

29. December 88

Sir;

I herewith transmit Certificate of Deposit of this date from the Assistant Treasurer of the United States in this City, in my favor for $134.00 on account of assay fees for the 4th quarter 1888

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

I also enclose the assayer's itemized Statement of the assay fees referred to

December 29th 8.

Assayer's report for the fourth quarter of 1888 — of Assays of Bullion Plate &c.

Amount of money received therefrom.

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oct. | 17 | Chas. May | $2.00 | | |
| | 20 | J. Zurbrugg | 2.00 | | |
| | " | Keystone Case Co. | 4.00 | | |
| | 22 | Quartermaster's Dept. | 2.00 | | |
| | 31 | W. O. Hurlburt | 2.00 | | |
| Nov. | 8 | B. Levy | 2.00 | | |
| | 10 | J. B. Pflueger | 2.00 | | |
| | " | H. Muhr's Sons | 2.00 | | |
| | | | 18.00 | | |
| Nov. | 12 | Otto Young | 4.00 | | |
| | 15 | J. Zurbrugg | 2.00 | | |
| | 16 | J. Wendell & Son | 2.00 | | |
| | " | A. W. Hall & Co. | 2.00 | | |
| | 21 | Julius King | 2.00 | | |
| | 27 | Dewey & Ellis | 2.00 | | |
| | 28 | A. Aron | 2.00 | | |
| | | | 34.00 | | |
| | | | 18.00 | | |
| | | | 52.00 | | |

Fifty four Dollars, the sum of the items for the fourth quarter of 1888.

Jacob B. Eckfeldt
Assayer

29 December 88

Sir

In fulfilment of your order of the 7th inst. I have this day forwarded the following dies to the United States Mint at San Francisco

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 5 | Double Eagle | obverse Nos. | 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10, |
| 5 | " | reverse " | 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10, |
| 5 | Eagle | obverse " | 10, 11, 12, 13, & 14, |
| 5 | " | reverse " | 10, 11, 12, 13, & 14, |
| 5 | Half " | obverse " | 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 |
| 5 | " " | reverse " | 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 |
| 5 | Standard Dollar | obverse " | 41, 42, 43, 44, & 45 |
| 5 | " " | reverse " | 41, 42, 43, 44 & 45 |
| 10 | Dimes | Obverse " | 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 |
| 10 | " | reverse | 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, |

21, 22, 23, and 24

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon James R Kimball
Director of the Mints
Washington
D.C.

29: Decr 88

Sir

The following tel: gram sent you this day is hereby made official: -

Supplementary gold coinage has been completed

Very respectfully

D M Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James R Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D C

SRL

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

Dec 31st 1888.

Sir,

I have this day check
No. 7568 from Henry Harman for $935.41

in payment for Silver Dollars.

I am very respectfully,

N. H. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
Office P. O.

Form 3-22-86. 6091

Dec 31st 8

Additional

Handy Harman. New York

Dec 11th 8 caused by

the arrival of our Bar 12/31 to fully close Contract.

300.877.56

300.331.96

279.759.20

0.9315

24 Nov 55

Sir;

I this day transmit by registered mail the following Coins reserved from the deliveries of the Coin during the current month - for Special assay:-

24 Standard dollars
2 Half "
2 Quarter "
30 Dimes "
4 Double Eagles (gold)
2 Eagles "
2 Half " "
2 Quarter " "
2 Dollars "

Very respectfully

D. W. Fox
Superintendent

Andrew Mason Esq.
Superintendent Assay Office
New York

31. December 88

Sir.

Under section 3679 Revised Statutes I have ~~suspended and~~ removed D. L. Stanbright, Annealer, ~~from the Comer's Department~~ to "Cabinet" in the General Department @ $3.00 per diem - vice Marcellus Cole, promoted - to take effect on his assuming his new duties, and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully
Dall McFar
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

31: Decem: 88

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose, for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury Certificates of Deposit Nos. 7247 and 7249, of the Assistant Treasurer in this City, for, respectively $125.25 deposited on account of Alloy Charges for the Quarter ending 31. Dec. 1888, and $3547.11 deposited on account of Refining Charges, for the 4th quarter 1888

Very respectfully

Wm. M. Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James O. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Dec 31st

3.840.215.400

3601.610.02

5249

1.342.359.612

31.994.127

1255.033.149

30.193.99

2 January 69

Sir:

You have been promoted to the position of Fireman in the General Department of the Mint @ $1.25 per diem, to take effect on your assuming your new duty.

Show this to Mr Helmbold that he may drop you from his time book, and then to Mr. Bonner, when you report to him for duty

Respectfully
D. M. Fox
Superintendent

Mr John R Phillipi
Lafayette

ffl.

Monthly Account

Philadelphia, Pa.

Dec. 31, 8

31st December 8

659.111.50

35.015.256.91

220.025.90

5.241.00

$35.899.633.31

D M Fox

My Credit: $321.652.60

Ernest P Kimball

2 January 89

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the following oaths of office of persons recently appointed to this Mint:-

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Anna B South | Adjuster | Coiner's Dep't |
| John Goldow | Laborer | General " |
| Michael T. Barrett | " | " " |
| John M. Geiss | Helper | M.T.R. " |

Very respectfully

J. M. Ht Jr

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

2. January 89

Sir;

I herewith transmit the Engravers Statement of dies furnished to the Coiner of this Mint during the Calendar year 1888

Very respectfully

D M Boyer

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

SRL

Jany 9th 87

Sir.

I would be obliged for a copy of the recent Bill making the appropriation for the enlargement of the Mint Building.

Please procure and forward me one by return mail, if convenient.

Very Respectfully.
D. M. Boyd
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington. D.C.

S.P.C.

Jan 30 59

Sir!

Sellers of Silver have delivered more Bullion than I have funds to pay for.

Will you please have my New York balance for payment of the same increased by telegram on receipt of this letter.

Very Respectfully
D. W. Fox
Supt

Dr J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

9 January 89

Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of the section 3330 Revised Statutes the following dies of the Calendar year 1888 were yesterday defaced and destroyed in the manner specified by law:

| | | Obverse | Reverse |
|---|---|---|---|
| Double Eagle | | 7 | 7 |
| Eagle | | 5 | 5 |
| Half | " | 3 | 3 |
| Quarter | " | 2 | 2 |
| Three Dollar | | 2 | 2 |
| Dollar | | 3 | 3 |
| Trade Dollar | | 64 | 57 |
| Standard Silver | Dollars | 2 | 2 |
| Half | " | | |

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Quarter Dollar | 2 | 2 |
| Dime | 46 | 34 |
| Cent | 185 | 123 |
| Five Cent | 86 | 92 |
| Three - " | 7 | 8 |
| | 414 | 337 |

Of these there were in gold Coin 44
" " " " Silver " 206
" " " " Minor " 001
751

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Jany 3d

3.843.884.367

3.605.06698

4488.362 X

4162 X

3668 267

3456.95

SRB

No. 4

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

January 11, 1889.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit herewith Check No. 7669 from Handy & Harman for $200.567.68/100

" " " " " $

" " " " " $

" " " " " $

" " " " " $

" " " " " $

in payment for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

W. H. Fox

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York.

[illegible] 28-85. (600)

P. 229. in Supt Lawrence's R. B.

14 January 89

Sir

I received a letter this morning from Congressman Rayner – a copy of which I herewith enclose – wanting a proof set, ex officio – at their face value.

I know nothing of such custom as he refers to, and so refer his application to you and await your instruction.

If each Senator and Member has to be called in this way, it would take 401 sets to go around without including delegates from the territories.

If they are to be furnished at a nominal value, how am I to explain these transactions in the settlement of my accounts.

and how shall I keep my accounts so as to protect myself

Very respectfully
Sam'l Wells
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Copy)

Jan 2nd 9

Mr. D. M. Fox,

Dear Sir,

I notice that you have charged a premium on the coins. It is a very small matter, but I understood that it was customary to allow Members of Congress to set at their face value. My informant has given me several instances in which that was done, and will you be kind enough to let me know whether he is correct, or whether I am misinformed.

Yours truly

(Signed) Isidor Rayner

per G.

4 January 89

Sir:

I herewith enclose Comer's statement of the number and denomination of pieces coined during the year 1888, with the number of dies used in their production and the average production to the pair of dies

Very respectfully
Dan'l M Fox
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

F. N. G.

Carson Jan'y 4th 89

Sir.

I forward you by today's mail, my Ordinary, Refinery, Standard Silver Dollar Coinage, and Standard Silver Dollar Storage Expense Accounts for the month of December 1888.

Very Respectfully.
Wm. H. Ford
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

SRL

Jan 5" 9

American Ex Nat Bank N.Y.

Jan 7" 9

99.672.95

99.573.29

92,951.66

$0.9335

Mch

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jany 5th, 1889.

Sir:

Please draw Warrants in favor of the following depositors for Silver Dollars, viz:

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| No. 7570 | favor | Handy & Harman | for $47.921.13 |
| 7571 | " | J. & W. Seligman & Co | " $86.954.32 |
| 7572 | " | Russlage Clyde & Co | " $134.495.77 |
| 7573 | " | American Exchange Bank N.Y. | " $92.951.66 |
| | | | " $ |
| | | | " $ |

Very respectfully.

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

(Rev. 7-28-86. 4000)

LRB

Carson City Nev. 89

Sir,

As requested in your letter of the 4th ultimo, requesting certain Statements to be forwarded prior to the 15th of the Current month, I enclose herewith my Statement of Assets and Liabilities at the close of the Calendar Year 1888.

Very Respectfully,
Wm M Fox
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

Feb

Jany 7th 89

Sir.

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor, for the sum of twelve thousand (12000) Dollars, payable from the appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, to aid in meeting the expenses of this Mint on that account for the current month.

Very Respectfully.

Dan'l M'Cox

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D.C.

Sept 12

Jany 7th 89

Sir,

Referring to my requisition for funds for the current month forwarded today, I would be glad to have the draft for the Ordinary Fund made special, the payments for the past month having almost absorbed the account, and bills still presenting for payment.

Very Respectfully.
D. McFord
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

SRB

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jan 7th 1859.

Sir

I have the honor to forward

No 7574 from Nesslage Colgate & Co for $52m.350.13 ✓

7575 " Handy & Harman " $31.448.90 ✓

" " " "

" " " "

" " " "

" " " "

in bullion for Silver Bullion.

I am, very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

New York

[illegible] 1860

LRL

Jan 7th 9

Messrs Colgate & Co

Jan 2nd 9

200.650.50

200.156.29

#0.9335 156.5485.90 ✓

D M Fox

(Ex. 5)

Jany 7th 9

4.310.496

4.0147.499.54 74.795

2900

679.809.172 646.719.57

6.068.809 5717.84

Daniel M. Fox

Ten Eyck

Jan 8th 1869

No. 7576 from Handy & Harman $ 61.783.30

Philadelphia

December 29th 1

Monthly Statement of Deposits of Gold and Silver Bullion in Charge

of the Treasurer of the Mint at the close of business on the 30th

day of December 1

| | |
|---|---|
| Gold Bullion | 890.979.273 |
| Silver Bullion | 2077 589.03 |

M. S. Cochran

Weigh Clerk

Superintendent

Jany 9th

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 8th inst, stating that you had reduced my requisition for funds, chargeable to the Standard Dollar Appropriation, from $12.000 to $10.000, I would like to explain, that my reason for calling for $12,000, is, that whilst $10.000 would probably be sufficient for the Current months expenses, we always need a small balance over, to carry us into the succeeding month for those who wish to draw on account of Service.

I would also state, that no payments for Copper or other supplies (barring some little items, chargeable to the Storage Account) have been made from the above Appropriation during this Fiscal year.

I think it would be safer to allow my requisition to stand, in view of the above facts.

Very Respectfully
Wm H Fox
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

9: Janᵛ 9

Sir;

The record of Coins reserved for annual assay for Dec: 1888, enclosed in your letter of the 5th inst, is hereby returned, with the quarter dollars reserved December 20th changed from "3" to "5", and the footing, from "4" to "6"; which makes the record correct.

If you will return the Daily Statement of that date, I will correct that also and send it back

Very respectfully

R. M. Hart

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

9: January 9

Sir

You will please cause 2.000.000 dollars to be coined in January

Respectfully

Superintendent

W. L. Hale Esq.
Coiner

9: Janu 9

Sir

The quota fixed by the director for the month current is 2.000.000

Very respectfully

D M Fox

Superintendent

D. K. Tuttle Esq
Register Office

9 January 9

Sir;

I am constrained by a sense of justice and to remove the invidious distinction which now exists in the Compensation of the lady employes of the Mint, to recommend and respectfully urge that the Compensation of the 4 lady Counters, in the Coining room, be increased by the addition of 25¢ per diem, to the pay of each one of them, making it a small increase of only one dollar per day for the four. Their duties are such as to require experience, mental quickness, manual dexterity, and absolute integrity - qualities which they undoubtedly possess, and which I fully

appreciate, and which in my judgment should receive the same pecuniary recognition that you have kindly accorded to the other female employes.

There is some feeling of discomfort on their part because they have not been included in the same increase accorded from time to time to the others; it having the appearance of, at least, implied want of appreciation, if not disparagement in their direction.

The proposed increase is well deserved by them and its influence will be salutary and cheering, and I hope you may see your way clear to give it your official approval. Small as it is, it will be serviable to them and you may rest assured, will be most grate-

fully appreciated

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James H. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Note. The four Counters and their present per diem, are as follow:-

| | |
|---|---|
| Lissie A George | $2 50 |
| Anne Randall | 2 25 |
| A. M. Dunton | 2 25 |
| M. Rudolph | 2 25 |

9: January 9

Sir;

Coinage dies from the New Orleans Mint for 1888, have been received by Express and upon examination the number corresponds with the schedule sent and with the dies heretofore shipped to that Mint.

The obverse dies came here already defaced and destroyed: the reverse dies have not been so treated, and I write to enquire whether they shall be defaced or destroyed, or not.

I should add that some of the reverse dies returned, have never been used and the Engraver will hold them

for future service

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

DC

Jany 10th 9

Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd inst, relative to the appointment of Mr Marcellus Cope, I have to say, that the change of his title from "Cabinet" to Warrant Clerk, has changed his clerical duties.

The appointment of Mr E. L. Hambright, to the position in the Cabinet, fills the vacancy made by Marcellus Cope's transfer. I would say however, that during Marcellus Cope's appointment to the Cabinet, and also for some time since his appointment as Warrant Clerk, I have detailed him to assist in the clerical duties pertaining to the books and accounts. This course has been rendered necessary by reason of the onerous and pressing labors of the Book Keeper Mr Somerlinwaite, and it is

my design in like manner to assign E. L. Hambright to the vacancy.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D. C.

10: January 9

Sir,

Respectfully referring to your suggestions of the 2nd inst. with regard to Capt. Henry M. Crozer, Cutter in the Comm's department who was detailed for special service at the Post office to overhaul, clean, examine, classify, and arrange several wagon loads of old books and records, and miscellaneous documents, which had accumulated in the loft and closets of the Mint and other hiding places from which they were taken, I have to say that he performed that, by no means agreeable duty, with pains taking, methodical, and patient fidelity.

It has been a very useful service

in many ways and in addition to the handling and cleaning of these dusty and dilapidated old documents, he has devoted a great deal of intelligent research to ascertain from such records and memoranda as come under his observation, and verify the statistical accuracy of the coinage reports of former years, and has made up a very large book showing the correct coinage for each year by denominations - which is a very valuable record for reference. It was intended for your use, and if you so direct I will forward it to your office as part of the record and archives of the bureau.

In making up this book he made careful examination and comparison, step by step, of books and records in the office of the Coiner of this Mint, especially comparing

and verifying the records, correcting errors, and where possible harmonizing discrepancies. I take pleasure in commending him for the zeal and industry and the minute carefulness with which he has performed this very useful service.

I have informed him that this special mission is about ended, and that there will be no further occasion for his services in that capacity; but have to remark that ever since the death of George Pirnbaume, who served as doorkeeper for my office - at the head of the stairs - and who was designated on the roll as "assistant", I have been obliged to assign some one of the Curators in the Cabinet to duty as doorkeeper for my office, a provisional arrangement which has not always been convenient or suitable, owing to the dis-

ficulty of withdrawing them from the Cabinet on days when Excursion parties were in town, and an excessive crowd of visitors came to the Hall, which required the presence: and service of the entire force in the Cabinet to handle them;- and as he is by intelligence and character specially qualified for the position, I have concluded to transfer Mr Frotzer from Cutter in the Comier's department @ $2 00 per diem to assistant in the General Department @ $3 00 per diem - vice George Birnbaum, deceased, and assign him to permanent duty as door-keeper for my own office, formerly and for many years filled by Mr Birnbaum.

It will serve my purpose much better and will add greatly to my comfort and convenience and I respectfully

submit the same for your approval. You will observe that this is not a new appointment, but a transfer to fill a vacancy caused by ~~a death~~ and therefore not an increase of the force.

I await your action on this transfer, and also your instructions with regard to the book above described, which was prepared by Mr Cropper. I will forward it to you by Express or Mail, as you may direct

Very respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Superintendent

Hon. James D. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

10: January 9

Sir:

In pursuance of your authorization of December 18th, I have sold two second-hand Bullion pots for refining, to the Mint of the United States at Carson.

They were securely packed and delivered to the Quarter Master of the United States Army in this City for transportation as directed by you.

I herewith enclose my account in duplicate for $30 --, for payment, as per your instructions.

Very respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

SRL

Jan 10" 9

American Ex Nat Bank N.Y.

Jan 8 9

150.547.51

150.570.79

$0.9380 141,235.40 ✓

WHT Fox

263 1/2

Jan 10" 9

J & W Seligman & Co.

Jan 5" 9

39.614.10

39.574.48

$0.9380 37,120.56

N McTarnahan

SRL

Jan 10" 9

Handy & Harman

Jan 4 9

126.061.26

126.907.04

$0.9330 117.471.26 ✓

DMH

SRL

Jan 10th 9

J & H Seligman ✓ C
Jan 2" 9

100.418.16

100.296.03

#0.9335 93.626.34 ✓

DMcF

SRL

No. 4

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jan 10th 1879.

Sir,

Please pay over this day's deposit

No. 7577 for Sandy & Hartman for $60.420.99 ✓
" 7578 " J. & W. Seligman & Co " $43.762.88 ✓
" 7579 " American Ex. N.B.K. N.Y. " $41.235.40 ✓
" " " " " "
" " " " " "
" " " " " "

on payment for Silver Bullion.

I am very respectfully,

[illegible] for
Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.
New York

[illegible]

Janij 18th 9.

4.427.911.584

4.149.445.14 19.916 X

2.165 X

1.020.544.884 958.542.16

18.544.720 17.468.35

SRB

To the United States Dr.

Jan 11 ... 79.

To Amt. Duties this day Check

No 7580 from Hardy & Naman ... $15.614.79

[illegible]

in payment for Duties

I am very respectfully

D W Fox

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

New York

[illegible]

SRB

Jan 11th 9

Handy & Harman

Jan 25 9

275.033.20

274.678.58

0.9335 256.412.445

11 January 9

Sir

Form 231, Cashiers daily Statement for Decem. 20 1865 Enclosed in your letter of 10th inst. is herewith returned duly Corrected

Very respectfully
D M McKee
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

11: Jan'y 9

Sir;

The surname of "Mary W. Clark", adjuster proves now to be "Clarke", although she signed her name to the oath of office, and her official bond without the "e" final, in her surname.

It is desired now to change the records to correspond with what she says is her true name - "Clarke". If it is necessary to this end, I will thank you to return the oath of office that it may be properly signed by herself, and I then may change the roll to correspond

Very respectfully

Your Ob't Serv't

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

SNCo

(No. )

Office of the United States Marshal

Jan 12th, 1869.

Sir

I have the honor herewith

to transmit No. 7581, from Handy & Narman for $ 13.877.65

" " " " " " " "

" " " " " " " "

" " " " " " " "

" " " " " " " "

" " " " " " " "

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully,

Your obedient servant.

Marshal

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

City

(T.D. 12-55. 1000)

SRB

January 12th 9

Sir:

As requested in your letter of November 30th I forward today 10 pairs of Standard Silver Dollar Dies to the Mint U.S. at New Orleans, and enclose herewith bill in duplicate for the cost of the same amounting to $255.80

Very Respectfully,
[illegible]
Supt

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

12 January 9

Sir

I have this morning received by Express 2 boxes supposed to be the ones specified in your letter of the 8th inst. and said to contain the annual assay coins from your Mint for the 4th quarter 1888

Very respectfully

Superintendent

G. Montegut Esq.
Superintendent U.S. Mint
New Orleans
La.

12: January 9

Sir;

In compliance with instructions of 30th Nov. 1888, there has this day been forwarded to the Mint of the United States at New Orleans by Express the following dies in partial fulfilment of your order:-

10 pairs Standard Silver dollar dies Nos. 26 to 35 inclusive

Obverse and reverse

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

Feb

January 14th 9

Sir;

On recounting the proceeds of Transfer Order No. 16604, for $85.264. received from your office on the 10th inst. we find an excess of $4.50, which sum I enclose herewith.

Please acknowledge receipt of same by bearer.

Very Respectfully
W. H. Fox
Supt.

Hon. L. Davis Page.
Asst. Treasurer U.S.
Phila.

Jan'y

January 14th 9

Sir:

I enclose herewith memorandum showing Sale value, Nett value and Loss by Recoinage of $85.264. Uncurrent Silver Coin received from Asst Treasurer U. S. Phila. on Transfer Order No. 16664.

Very Respectfully.
Wm. G. Fitz
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

Daisy 14th 9

Pay to the order of
No 7582 pay to Hardy & Harman $ 69.771.63

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully

Wells Fargo & Co
Per
Express

S.R.C.

January 14th 9

Sir:

In reply to your letter of current date, I regret to say, that my Counter did not receive the tags of the bags in which the excess of $4.50 returned from today, was found, nor can he remember in what lot it was. He remembers that $4.00 was in one bag of a $1.000, and that is all.

Very Respectfully.
W. M. Fox
Supt.

Hon. L. Davis Page.
Asst Treasurer U.S.
Phila.

14 January 9

Sir;

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of Miss Anna M. Helmick recently appointed Adjusterin the Coin's department of this Mint (under the name of Minnie Helmick);

Very respectfully

Your Obt.

Superintendent

Hon: James R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

14: January 9

Sir;

The two boxes of returned dies 1888-, specified in your letter of the 2nd. inst. have been received.

The box supposed to contain assay Coins specified in your letter of the 4th inst. has also been received

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: Israel Lawton
Asst: U.S. Mint
San Francisco
Cal.

4.343.057.282

4.067.777.46

60.786

3.787

1.130.134.449

20.542.276

1.056.194.73

19.337.630

2821/2

14 January 9

Sir:

The piece of iron enclosed in your communication of the 11th Inst., received this morning, has been assayed and what is left of it is returned herewith, to you, together with the Assayer's return that it is .925 fine

Very respectfully

David M. Fox
Superintendent

Major Wm. L. Melvinney
Commanding Rock Island Arsenal
Rock Island
Ill.

Bank of the United States, Philadelphia.

Jan 15th, 1889.

Cashier

Dear Sir

Enclosed find my check on Fourth Nat Bank N.Y. for $142,772.77 ✓

7584 Handy & Harman $42,679.99 ✓

in payment for Silver Dollars

Yours very respectfully

W. Hyde

Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

16. Janᵛ 9

Sir

You have been transferred and promoted from the position of Annealer to that of "Cabinet" in the General Department of the Mint @ $3.00 per diem to take effect on your assuming your new duties.

Please show this to the Asst. Asst the Cashier that he may drop you from his pay roll, & then to the Mr. McClure, Curator of the Cabinet, when you report to him for duty

Very respectfully
D. M. Fox
Superintendent

Mr. C. L. Hambright
Annealer

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Jan 16

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jan 16", 1889.

Pay to the order of

Cts 7585. from Fourth Nat Bank N.Y. for $21.871.22

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

in payment for Old Gold.

I am very respectfully,

W. H. Patterson
Superintendent.

Cashier of Treasury U. S.

Mint at Phila.

[illegible]

16 January 9

Sir

I desire authority to order an additional 50.000 pounds of 1/4 bronze nickel blanks from Mr Joseph Wharton under his existing Contract.

The blanks are needed: hence my application for the desired authority to procure them

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

16 January 9

Sir,

Under Sec. 3504 Revised Statutes I have the honor to inform you that I have transferred and promoted Henry W. Crozer, Cutter in the Coiner's department of this Mint, to the position of Assistant in the General Department of the Mint, at $3.00 per diem, - vice George Birnbaum, deceased - to take effect when he assumes his new duties, and, submit the same for your approval;

Very respectfully

Dan'l Ct Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint -
Washington
D. C.

U. S. Mint, Philadelphia
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

16: January 1889

Sir;

The two boxes of 1888 returned dies from the New Orleans Mint came here without the Express Charges being prepaid.

I declined to pay them, referring the Express Agent to the New Orleans Mint against which institution it is a legitimate charge. He informed me this morning that that Mint refuses to pay them

I repeat the facts to you with the request that you will kindly instruct that Mint to pay those charges. It is a legitimate charge against the Contingent fund of that Mint. I may add that the dies from the San Francisco Mint always came prepaid

Very respectfully
Dan'l H. Tod
Superintendent

Hon. J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

16. Janᵧ 1889.

Sir;

The dies of 1888 for the San Francisco Mint have been returned to me, the obverse, defaced by a cross mark apparently made with a chisel and hammer, but not destroyed as called for by the law. Shall I complete the destruction and defacing here?

Forty one of the Reverse dies have never been used and will be retained by the Engraver for future service

I would like to be favored with instructions with regard to the returned

dies of 1888 of the New Orleans Mint

Very respectfully

Dan'l Fox

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

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Jan 16th 9

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. calling my attention to certain errors on the Abstract Sheets for the Quarter ended September 30th 1888.

The error of ten oz. in the purchase of Silver from J. & W. Seligman & Co. is a clerical inadvertance on the part of the clerk who was doing this work in the temporary absence of the Abstract Clerk. There seems to have been no excuse for it.

I propose to correct the error by charging myself with ten oz of fine Silver and sending the value of it (in $9.25/100) to Messrs Seligman & Co.

It is not practicable for me at this late day to recall the accounts and Monthly & Quarterly statements from your Office to reconstruct them.

I sincerely hope this plan will receive your approval.

The error in the Deposit of J. L. Clark is one of transcription the fineness having been copied into the Column as .833½ instead of .883⅓

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Supt

Dr J. P. Kimball
Director U.S. Mint
Washington D.C.

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M.L.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

17th. January, 1889.

Sir,

In reply to your communication of the 15th. inst., on the subject of spelling names, I beg to say that, on two previous occasions I have endeavored to explain to the Bureau, the difficulty I have had in obtaining the right names of appointees, arising from carelessness or ignorance, or both, on the part of--not only the friends but even--the families of those who wished their appointment.

The most notable instance of this occurred in the case of Miss Helmick, whose mother--than whom I could have had no better authotity--furnished her name as "Nannie Helmick", and yet the young lady informed me afterwards that, while being called "Nannie", she had all her life signed her name "Anna M. Helmick". And this it will be noted, was in the case of a given name. Now no amount of care could have avoided this error. Another instance communicated to me was that of a lady, whose appointment was asked for under the first name of "Sue". It was sent to the Department as Susan", but it turned out that her name was "Ursula", and that her friends never known her right name. The absence of any examination into either of these names, can hardly be charged to want of care, and

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.

SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE,

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yet perhaps they are the most glaring examples of errors in names.

In the case of Miss Clarke, --she had signed her name to her bond "Clark", (without the e), and on the pay-roll had written it "Clarke",(with the e), and without giving any reason for the former, insisted that the latter form was right. It was to make her name uniform wherever it appeared on our records, that I asked the return of her oath for comparison.

I will however endeavor to comply with your suggestion, and wherever possible, obtain the signatures of the appointees, beforehand;

Very respectfully

Hon. James P. Kimball,

Director of the Mint,

Washington,

D. C.

Superintendent.

SRL

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Jan 17th 1859.

Sir,

I have the honor to transmit

herewith 7586 pieces Handy & Harman $ 35.860.46

Respectfully yours,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York.

Jan 17th 9

Sir

We are in receipt of about twelve hundred pounds pure Nickel to be used in the coinage of Nickel One Cent pieces viz: Five Cent pieces. I write for an Order to forward that Amount from the Assay Office which he will forward us at the rate of sixty five cents per lb.

Please reply by return mail

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Supt

To
Col J. P. Kimball
Director U.S. Mint
Washington D.C.

Transcribed and true copy of this letter on page #31½ D SRB

January 17th

From entries on the Mint books, and from Statements made by the party, it appears that on the 11th day of June 1855, a man representing himself to be a miner giving the name of A. Squire, from Eldorado Co. California, visited the Mint and made a deposit of California bar gold, gross 828 and believed to have been given him for the weight, which was 124 92 oz. The man left, and the deposit has remained in safe keeping since that time, a period of nearly 34 years and now stands to the credit of A. Squire on the Mint books.

On Tuesday last the 15th inst. an old man, bearing the appearance of having lived a life of hard labor and subject to much outdoor exposure

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but withal, sober and intelligent, presented himself at this Mint, stating that his name was A Squuss from Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras Co. California and that he desired to draw the money stating that on Monday June 11th 1855 he made a deposit of 124.90 ozs of Cal. lumps, grains &c and received a Mint receipt for the same, duly signed for the amount and signed. I asked him to produce the receipt, and if on proper identification I was satisfied that he was the man of any money here, I had no doubt it would be paid him.

He then produced an old Mint receipt, which had been folded several times, and in pieces but which bore, to the naked eye, no evidence of its ever having been written upon. This he took from an old belt which he stated he had worn around his body ever since he left here, even while he was sick with the fever, but that by reason of the rains and sweating of his body while engaged

in Mining, the written portion had become obliterated.

Ent: to further substantiate his claim as to his identity as A. Squires he, from his bottle, with ink on old newspaper, and procured from the two Bank books, one from the Hibernia Savings and Loan Society of San Francisco, P.J. Tobin, Secretary; the other from the San Francisco Savings Union 532 California St. San Francisco, both containing Entries of deposits to the credit of A. Squires, amounting to several thousands of Dollars. He also had several Bank Memorandums of deposits made at the San Francisco Mint, and from Wells, Fargo & Co.

Dr. David K. Tuttle states that by the aid of a microscope, he was able to clearly see the Signatures on the Bank Receipts, but to me these are not apparent. I have taken his signature and compared it with that which is upon our books, under date of June 11th 1863. It certainly bears close comparison

and over the Train received still intact, together with the fact of his remembering distinctly that he signed two books of Engravings on the right hand leaf, and on June 11th 1853 also that the weight is 124.90 lbs, a remarkable coincidence is shown.

He now awaits my action in the matter, and I have informed him, that I must lay the subject before you. He gives his age as 73 years; states that recently he has had a paralytic stroke, and feels that he can no longer work at running, desires to obtain the money to keep him in the remainder of his life. He says that he came to Phila. by way of Panama arriving in New York five days since, from thence making his way to Philadelphia.

He is now stopping at one of our plain hotels awaiting for the result of my decision; has no friends or relations to identify him. He gives the name of one Brakemaster, who came with him from California in 1853; and whom he asserts made a

deposit at the same time that he did.

Reference to our book shows that statement to be true; that such a person did make a deposit, and registered his name in close proximity to his.

The nett value of the deposit is $2.201.78. The warrant in our possession is signed by J. R. Snowden, Director, dated June 13th 1855, and the memo, by W. H. Stimpson, which is with the warrant.

As this occurred of a deposit and entry on our books and the issuing of the warrant being an open account ever since June 11th 1855, I do not feel myself warranted in paying the amount, after the lapse of so long a time, without laying the facts before you, and obtaining your advice and instruction thereon. I may add, that the man's station in this City, is dependent on sustaining the Government of the validity of his application. He professes to be willing to submit to any investigation which may be required to substantiate his claim.

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Very Respectfully.
Wm M Fox
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington
D.C.

P.L.

As this circumstance has created considerable excitement in the City, I enclose slips cut from the Newspapers, bearing on the subject.

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17. January 9

Sir;

I have the honor to enclose, for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury, Certificate of Deposit No. 7200 of the Assistant Treasurer in this City for $[illegible] deposited on account of Mint Coinage profits

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon. L. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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17 Janᵛ 9

Sir.

In compliance with your request of the 10th inst. I have to state that gold and silver bullion were received at this Mint from Idaho during the Calendar year 1908 to the following amounts, namely:—

Gold 4.882 Standard oz (and)

Silver 139.52 " "

Very respectfully

W. M. Fox

Superintendent

A. J. Wild Esq
Assayer in Chg U.S. Assay Office
Boise City
Idaho

18: January 9

The Sunday Watch will admit Mr. John Bonner, Chief Engineer on Sunday the 20th inst. to repair boiler

H C Wemyss

Acting Superintendent

18 January 9

Sir

You have been transferred and promoted from the position of Cutter, to that of Assistant in the General Department of the Mint @ $3 per diem.

Please show this to Mr. Steel, Cashier, that he may drop you from his pay roll, having previously reported to me, that I may assign you to your new duties

Respectfully
O. M. Fox
Superintendent
per L.

Mr. Henry W. Crozer
Cutter

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16. January 89

Dear Sir

In reply to your letter of the 17th inst., I herewith send you by registered mail 5 one-dollar gold pieces, in return for the five-dollar gold piece sent to be assayed and found to be genuine

Yours truly

H. A. Rivers

A. L.

Mr. R. E. Preston
Director Mint Bureau
Washington
D. C.

19 January 9

Sir

In reply to yours of the 14th inst. I have to state that the gold and silver bullion received at this Mint during the Calendar year 1888, and credited to Montana is as follows:—

Gold — 304.189 Standard ozs. (and)
Silver — 183.92 " "

We have no knowledge of the local source from which this bullion was received, other than the name of the Territory

Respectfully

H C Kimball

Acting Superintendent

Sprville Braden Esq
Assayer in Chg. U.S. Assay Office
Helena
Montana

Jan 19th 09.

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| 7587 | J & W Seligman & Co | 9.25 |
| 7588 | Handy & Harman | 12,103.47 |
| 7589 | Fourth Nat Bank N.Y. | 25.404.50 |

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Respectfully

Jan 19" 9

Fourth national Bank N. Y.

Jan 8" 9

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Jan 19" 9

Handy & Harman

Jan 8" 9

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19 January 9

Sir:

In compliance with your request of the 10th inst. I herewith transmit, in the prescribed form, statement of the annual assay Coins received at this Mint during the Calendar year 1908.

It has been taken from, and carefully compared with, the original record, and is believed to be correct.

Very respectfully

H. H. Heath

Asst Superintendent

Hon. J. R. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

Report of m. a. acc. for receipts.

Asst Treas. U. S.
Baltimore, Md

Pay Reserve N. Receipts.

Treas U S

copy no 2... SRL.

For copy no. 1 see book 2 p 301 SRL

January 17th 9

Sir;

From entries on the Mint books, and from statements made by the party, it appears that on the 11th day of June, 1855, a man representing himself to be a miner, giving the name of A. Squire, from Eldorado Co, California, entered the Mint and made a deposit of California lumps, grains and amalgam. A regular Mint receipt numbered 828, was believed to have been given him for the weight, which was 124.90 oz. The man left, and the deposit has remained unclaimed since that time, a period of nearly 34 years, and now stands to the credit of A. Squire, on the Mint books.

On [illegible] that the 8th inst, an old man, bearing the appearance of having lived a life of hard labor and [illegible] to much out door exposure [illegible]

worthal, sober and intelligent, presented himself at this Mint, stating that his name was A. Lewis, from Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras Co, California, and that he desired to draw his money, saying, that on Monday June 11th 1855, he made a deposit of 124.90 ozs. of Cal. lumps, grains &c, and received a Mint receipt for the same, duly filled in for the amount and signed. I asked him to produce the receipt and if on proper identification I was satisfied that he was the owner of any money here, I had no doubt it would be paid him.

He then produced an old Mint receipt, which had been folded several times, and in pieces, but which bore, to the naked eye, no evidence of its having been written upon. Thus he took from an old belt, which he stated he had worn around his body ever since he left here, even while he was sick with the fever, but that by reason of the rains and sweating of his body while engaged

in. Mining, the written portion had become obliterated.

But to further substantiate his claim as to his identity as A. Lyons, he, from his bootleg, withdrew an old newspaper, and unrolled from it two Bank books; one from the Hibernian Savings and Loan Society of San Francisco, P. J. Sobin, Secretary; the other from the San Francisco Savings Union, 532 California St. San Francisco, both containing entries of deposits to the credit of A. Lyons, amounting to several thousands of Dollars. He also had several Mint Memorandums of deposits made at the San Francisco Mint, and from Wells, Fargo & Co.

Dr. David K. Trotter states, that by the aid of a microscope, he is able to clearly see pen scratches on the Mint receipts, but to me, they are not apparent.

I have taken his signature, and compared it with that which is upon our books, under date of June 11th, 1855. It certainly bears close comparison, and

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were the Mint receipt itself attached, together with the fact, of his remembering distinctly that he signed our book of Registration on the right hand leaf, and on June 11th 1855. also that the weight is 124.90 ozs. a remarkable coincidence is shown.

He now awaits my action in the matter, and I have informed him, that I must lay the subject before you. He gives his age as 73 years: states that recently he has had a paralytic stroke, and feeling that he can no longer work at mining; desires to obtain the money to keep him the remainder of his life. He says that he came to Phila, by way of Panama, arriving in New York five days since, from thence making his way to Philadelphia.

He is now stopping at one of our plain hotels, waiting for the result of my decision; has no friend or relations to identify him. He gives the name of one Buckmaster, who came with him from California in 1855, and whom he states made a

deposit at the same time that he did.

Reference to our book shows that Statement to be true; that such a person did make a deposit and registered his name in close proximity to his.

The nett value of the deposit is $2.201.78. The Warrant in our possession is signed by G.E. Sanderson, Director, dated June 18th 1855, and the memo. by Mr. H. Flanagan, which is with the Warrant.

As this occurrence of a deposit and entry on our books, and the issuing of the Warrant being an open account ever since June 11th 1855, I do not feel myself warranted in paying the amount, after the lapse of so long a time, without laying the facts before you, and obtaining your advice and instruction thereon. I may add, that the man's stay in this City, is dependent on satisfying the Government of the validity of his application. He professes to be willing to submit to any investigation which may be required to ascertain his claim.

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Very Respectfully,
Dan'l M. Fox
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint,
Washington.
D.C.

P.L.

As this circumstance has created considerable excitement in the City, I enclose slips cut from the newspapers, bearing on the subject.

S.R.P.

January 21st 1889

Sir,

I received your letter of the 18th inst, returning my Statement of Earnings & Expenditures for the Third Quarter 1888-1889 for correction, & would be pleased to have you inform me, how you obtained the pencilled figures inserted therein, as the Accounts agree with the Cash & Voucher Book, which were carefully revised before the Statement was transmitted.

If the difference of $67 is the amount of the telegraph bill referred to in your letters of Oct 6th & 8th respectively, does not my letter of Oct 8th convey a justification for the expense, and therein avoid any misunderstanding?

Very Respectfully,

Dan'l W. Flickwir

Fmcr.

Hon. James [illegible]

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Jan 21st 9.

7.590 Fourth Nat'l Bk N.Y. 13.258.88

Jan 21st 9

Fourth Nat Bank N.Y.
Jan 11" 9

39,456.84
39,515.55
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W.H.R.

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Handy & Harman

Jan 11th 9

101.311.95

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SRL

Filed in the United States District Court

Dec 22 1915

Clerk

Know all men by these presents

That I, Hanky & Haman of the City of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, for and in consideration of the sum of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Twenty Nine and 00/100 Dollars ($13,329.00) to me in hand paid by the United States of America, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have granted, bargained, sold, assigned, transferred and set over, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell, assign, transfer and set over unto the said United States of America, its successors and assigns, all my right, title and interest in and to Letters Patent of the United States No. 7591, for Improvement in Fuses, dated and issued to me on the 22nd day of December 1915, and all my right, title and interest in and to the said invention and improvement patented thereby, and in and to all applications for Letters Patent which I have heretofore made or may hereafter make for said invention or improvement in any country foreign to the United States of America, and all Letters Patent which may be granted for said invention or improvement in any country foreign to the United States of America, and I do hereby covenant that I have the full right to convey the property, rights and interests hereby conveyed, and that the same are unencumbered, and I do hereby further covenant that I will, and my executors and administrators shall, do all lawful acts at the request of the said United States of America, its successors and assigns, but at the cost and expense of the said United States of America, its successors and assigns, for the purpose of securing to the said United States of America, its successors and assigns, the property, rights and interests hereby conveyed.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of December A. D. 1915.

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

Witness

Witness

22. January 7

Sir

I have had exhibited to me by Messrs Fairel & C. this day two drawings with accompanying specifications for the construction of a two-story vault, in the area of the Exchange; one calling for lattice-work in the second story, and the other for a closed metallic structure.

The first plan and specification, requires the entire clearing-out of the area with all adjacent excavations, peculiarities to buildings and depressions of the ground, and also adjoining to and legally to the support of the

probable weight of bullion to be stored in the second story - if this is to be devoted, as is expected to the Melter and Refiner's uses.

The other seems to be much the stronger, has materially additional storage capacity, presents the decided advantages enumerated in the specifications, and can be built with comparatively little interruption to the business of the Mint.

In view of the possible storage of bullion by the Melter and Refiner, a strength of at least 1600 pounds to the square foot,

should be provided for, and this induces me to prefer the Channel bars, as girders, to the I beams for the support of the floor of the second story, - as shown in the drawings of Farrell & Co; even though it be at a slight expense additional.

I have also been informed that you are desirous of learning what are my views and preferences with regard to these plans. I do not hesitate to say after giving consideration to them, that my mind is very favorably impressed with those submitted with the second

proposal, and would recommend the same subject to your consideration.

Respectfully
Your Ob't Ser't
Superintendent

Hon: William A. Ferer
Supervising Architect
Washington
D.C.

LRL

January 28th 9

Sir;

From the information contained in your letter of the 22nd inst. removing the disallowance of 65¢ for telegraphing, I respectfully return herewith my Statement of Earnings & Expenditure for the First Quarter 1888. 1889. without alteration.

The intimations requested, have been made therein.

Very Respectfully.
D M Clark
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

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Dis Treasury Asst

Mint of the US
Philada 1st Mo. 23d 9

December 31st 1888

322.588.06 (exceptions as below)

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| Balance per my records | $ 321.652.65 |
| do per your Statement | 322.588.06 |
| Difference being Check No. 7568 for | 935.41 |

drawn 12/31.88. not in your a/c.

Asst Treas. U.S.
N.Y.

1888

A. M. Kerr
Supt

23: January 9

Sir;

I have to report that H.W. Crotzer entered upon his duties to day as Assistant in my Department - vice George Rooney deceased

Very respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball

Director the Mint

Washington D.C.

23. Jan'y 9

Sir;

In compliance with your directions of the 22nd inst. I have the honor, duly receipted, in duplicate, my account for two second-hand porcelain pots sold to the United States Mint at Carson, as old material

Very respectfully
D. H. McMillan
Superintendent

Hon. J. J. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

S.R.L.

January 24th 9

Sir;

Our stock of Coin bags is quite low, and I would be obliged to you for the return of the 2000 loaned you some time back.

Please advise me, how soon it will suit you to let me have them.

Very Respectfully
A. M. Fx
Supt.

Hon. L. Davis Page.
Ass't Treasurer U. S.
Philadelphia
Pa.

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Jan 24" 9

J & H Seligman & Co
July 6th 8

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In correction of error in return to this firm 7.2.88 on Contract of 7/6.88. See letter Director Mint 1/18.89.

F.N.G.

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3,735,817.94

3,838 X

1,321,518.445

30,280.446

1,284,994.27

28,586.96

24 January 9

Sir;

I herewith transmit an entirely new statement in tabular form of the coins reserved for the Annual Assay during the Calendar year 1888, at this Mint, which I am now able to certify to you to be really correct.

I also return Mr. ~~statement~~ heretofore furnished you with the explanation that the first delivery of Standard Silver dollars on June 4th was 28000,- subsequently on the same day there was a delivery of 10.000 additional making 38000 in all. All the records were changed to include that additional 10.000 ~~of~~ for the Cashier's Register of Assay Coins and Deliveries

from which the monthly Statement
on form 125 for your office was copied,
hence the error in my report on form
125 of Assay Coins and deliveries
for the month of June last

Very respectfully

Jas. L. McFee

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
24 January 1889

Respectfully referred
to Chief Assayer
U.S. Philadelphia,
for the return in formal

Superintendent

28 January 9

Sir

The Melter & Refiner has made requisition upon me for two blank books form No. 184 of which I herewith enclose a sample leaf. The leaves should be printed on both sides alike and the books half-bound in roan, and labeled on the back "Silver Ingot Meltings".

This requisition is out of season, but it is owing to the fact - as the Melter and Refiner explains that a package of books which they supposed to be from the endorsement "Silver Ingot Meltings" books, proved to be something else

Very respectfully

Hon: J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

Superintendent

28. January 9

Sir;

The mutilated twenty-dollar gold piece from O. L. Ludwig P.M. Clarksville, Ark., forwarded to me from your office by Registered Mail on the 4th inst., was duly received, and on the 21st. of this month my Cashier's check was mailed to him for the net proceeds = $19 72

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. Jas. Wheeler
Asst. Secs. United States
Washington
D.C.

F. N. T.

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January 28th. 9.

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of 2000 Silver Coin bags returned to me on the 26th inst. to replace those loaned heretofore.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon. L. David Paige.
Asst Treasurer U.S.
Philadelphia.

Ltr.

Jany 29th 89

Sir:

As directed in your communication of the 24th inst. I enclose herewith statement of expenditures from Silver Profit Fund from March 1st 1878. to June 30th 1885. on account of Transportation of Silver Coin. Disallowances to the amount of $58.73/100 in the Bills charged under them years have been deducted.

Respectfully Yours

Supt

Hon. L. P. Kimball
Director U.S. Mint
Washington D.C.

Ltr.

January 29th 85.

Statement of amount paid Express Companies for transportation of Silver Coin from U. S. Mint Philadelphia to Sundry places from March 1st 1878 to June 30th 1885.

| Fiscal Years | Dollars | cts |
|---|---|---|
| 1878 from March 1st to June 30 | 8 916 | 92 |
| 1879 | 10 | 61 |
| 1880 | 59 287 | 44 |
| 1881 | 66 262 | 20 |
| 1882 | 35 335 | 51 |
| 1883 | 35 957 | 94 |
| 1884 | 27 265 | 07 |
| 1885 | 27 044 | 27 |
| Total | 260 079 | 96 |

28 January 9

Dear Sir:

It appears that on the 11th day of June 1855 a man representing himself to be a miner giving the name of A Squires from Eldorado County California, entered the Mint and made a deposit of California lumps quartz, and amalgam, that a regular Mint receipt No. 828 was believed to have been given him for the weight thereof which was 1214.90 ounces.

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He then produced an old Mint receipt which had been folded several times and in pieces but which bore to the naked eye

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no evidence of its having been written upon. This he took from his belt which he stated he had worn around his body ever since he left here, even while he was sick with fever, but that by reason of rains and the sweat of his body, while engaged in mining, the written portion had become obliterated. But to further substantiate his claim as to his identity as A. Squires, he from his bootleg withdrew an old newspaper and unrolled from it 2 bank books; one from the Hibernian Saving's and Loan Society of San Francisco, J. J. Tobin, Secretary, and the other from the San Francisco Savings Union 532 California Street, San Francisco, both containing entries of deposits made at the San Francisco Mint and from Wells Fargo

3 16 (6). I have informed him that he must

furnish identification from some satisfactory parties. As he seems to know nobody in this city, I have required him to furnish me with his photograph, full length and his signature both of which you will find enclosed marked A.

Shall I draw upon you for the kindly service of obtaining from the banks & parties answers according to the accompanying interrogatories.

I wish to have from the postmaster of Oakdale Hill sworn evidence as to his knowledge of the man, and from the Banks and Saving Funds mentioned, some of their officers to identify him and his signatures, and if you could have a hearing arranged with any one and including the post master and the Bank officers, some-

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thing about his respectability and good-dealing, how he stands in point of reputation: and this I take it could also be obtained from the Agent of Wells Fargo & Co. either at Mokolumne Hill or its vicinity.

In doing this I will very cheerfully refund any expense that you may be at and should it so occur that you desire at any time any service of this character from me I will be glad to respond in like Courtesy

The answers to the interrogatories should be sworn to before an officer authorized to take affidavits, by the parties answering them, taking good care to add from yourself that you know the parties thus testifying believing them to be of good moral character standing and worthy of

belief

When finished please forward as soon as you conveniently can to

Yours truly,

Wm L McRae
Superintendent
U S Mint Rikers

Hon: Grad Lawton
Sp U.S. Mint
San Francisco
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Interrogatories to be answered concerning A. Squires.

1 Do you know whose picture this is marked A? Ans.

2 Are you acquainted with him? Ans.

3 How long? Ans.

4 What pursuit or calling has he had for the length of time you know him? Ans.

5 Is he a married man? Ans.

6 Has he any relatives as far as you know? Ans.

7 Do you know the signature on the back of the picture referred to? Ans.

8 Have you seen him write his name or do any other kind of writing that would identify his handwriting? Ans.

9 Please say about what age he is? Ans.

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10 How long has he lived in Calaveras County?
Ans.

11 Have you had any business intercourse with him and of what character?
Ans.

12 Have you seen him at intervals and how frequently? Ans.

13. Is this the man who is calls himself A Squires, and for how many years past? Ans.

14 Is this the identical handwriting of A. Squires resident at Mokolumne Hill, and if so please say how you know it? Ans.

29: January 9

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose herein a Copy of a letter from Messrs Taws and Hartman, Blast-furnace Engineers - said to be experienced men in Construction of smoke stacks - making suggestions with regard to the matter of smoke-stack improvements, in view of the proposed improvements at this Mint.

I also in this same mail enclose a Blue print of a smokestack which I submit for your consideration. You will observe they wish to know exactly what is wanted in this line before making an estimate of Cost of Construction.

Will you be good enough to ac-

me an early answer in relation to it

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon William A. Freret
Supervising Architect
Washington
D.C.

Copy

Jas. T. Hartman
1235 N. Front St
Philad. Penn

1.20.1889

Wm. D. W. Fox Supt
Dear Sir

The blue print of proposed Chimney is mailed herewith. The new wall arrangement as per your Superviding Architect changes the arrangement proposed before and compels us to put in a regular foundation with anchor bolts as the wall only catches two sides of the base plate. When your builder puts in the concrete for his foundation he will extend it to sides of our foundation and we will start from the top of that Concrete with our foundation and finish to the top of Chimney. We place a cape on Chimney under which your builder

will terminate his roof, thereby keeping out the rain and drifting snow. Soon as you decide on the adoption of this plan and any changes we will give you an estimate.

The inside top seam of each row of sheets are calked to prevent any streaking of the stock after painting.

Should you desire a more ornamental top please have your architect send us a sketch of it. The present top shown has proved the best for utility. A Connection is placed on the Chimney in the 2nd Story for the acid fumes from the laboratory. There will be no difficulty to draw down a pipe if desired through and smoke from smelting a connecting furnace

Truly Yrs

Thos. Harkness

90: January 9

Sir:

If possible I would be very glad to see you in relation to certain questions touching the improvement of this Mint.

There is one important matter that of receding from the old line of Chestnut Street. The adjoining building to the Westward has receded about 4 feet, and it is questionable whether we should not recede to be in accord with the Chestnut Street front.

There are several features I would like to consult you about — either you or one of your executive officers,

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: William A. Jones
Supervising Architect
Washington D.C.

30: January 9

Sir:

In reply to yours of the 29th ult., — and its enclosure herewith returned — I have to state that under the Coinage Act and regulations the Mint can only manufacture dies for medals of a National character such as are authorized by Congress, but can strike medals for private parties if they will furnish the dies.

The proposed dies can be furnished by Charles E. Barber, Engraver, No. 1625 N. 17th Street, in this City. What the cost would be, he can inform your correspondents if

they choose to communicate with them. It would take from one to three months to prepare the dies, depending upon the simplicity or otherwise of the designs.

When the dies are finished the Mint would strike the medals at a very small charge.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

H. J. Dorey Esq
Assayer U.S. Assay Office
New York
N.Y.

31: January 9

Sir

I have this day transmitted to your office the following Coins reserved for special assay from the deliveries of the Coiner during the current month:-

24 Standard Dollars (ans)
2 Quarter Eagles

Very Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: Andrew Mason
Superintendent U.S. Assay Office
Wall Street
N.Y.

31. January 9

Sir;

In reply to your inquiry of the 29th inst. I can only say that our knowledge of the character and date of the silver dollars in the statement referred to we take from the invoices accompanying the coins when they were received, and from those sources of information I make the following classification

| | |
|---|---|
| Date unknown | 1238 |
| "Daddy" dollars (so described in the invoice, date unknown) | 1458 |
| Standard silver dollars " " | 25.736 |
| " " " prior to 1878 | 2.700 |
| Total | 31.132 |

The term "Standard silver dollars" we

presume applies only to dollars coined since the act of 1878, but this is only conjecture, as that term was not in common use prior to that date

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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31. January 9

Dear Sir;

The following names have been given me, of persons who could testify to the identity of Squires, namely;—

Frank M. Peck P.O.
Nathaniel Beal, of Oakolumne Calaveras Co.
Frederick Beals " " "
Charles Jacobs " " "
Hon. Roderick Solinski, Attorney, San Andreas
Judge Goldschalk, District Court, " "
M— Gorley, Superintendent of Water Co. Oakolumne

Very truly yours
A. M. Fox

Hon: Israel Lawton
C/o U.S. Mint
San Francisco
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31. January 9

Dear Sir;

I have your favor of the 28th inst. before me and accompanying which are 4 photographs of Mr. Alexander Squires with his name embossed.

I have already sent the photo. and certain interrogatories touching his identity and the genuineness of his signature to California addressed to certain individuals there, as I had indicated in my last letter to you.

I am much obliged to you for the trouble you have taken and I hope it will all turn out for the benefit of Squires, believing him to be the identical man that made the deposit.

It will take some time before I get an answer to it. Upon return of the information I obtain from there I will take occasion to apprise you on behalf of Squires if he is then still in Wheeling.

The names that you give me in your letter, I note and will send a supplement any letter covering them.

names

Very truly yours

Superintendent

Hon Hannibal Forbes

U.S. Commissioner

Wheeling

W.Va.

2 February 9

Sir;

In reply to your letter of the 31 st ultmo. with regard to the amount and value of United States Silver Coins deposited at this Mint during the Calendar year 1888:—

I herewith submit a statement prepared by the Weigh-Clerk of their weight in Standard ounces after melting, their value at the subsidiary Coin rate, and the amount by Count

Very respectfully

W M M Pk

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

2. February 9

Sir

Your directions under date of the 1st inst. to have all silver dollars hereafter transferred to the Mint for recoinage examined as to their date whether before or after the act of Feb. 28. 1878, have been received and will be carefully observed.

In this connection you will indulge me in the explanatory remark that it has been very difficult and often impossible to meet ~~the~~ your ~~fa~~ facts calls for statistical information

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that nothing in our experience could have led us to anticipate and therefore be prepared for

Very respectfully

Your obt Svt

Superintendent

Hon James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

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February 4th 9

Sir:

I have the honor to forward you by todays mail, my Ordinary, Standard Silver Dollar Coinage, Standard Silver Dollar Storage and Refinery Expense Accounts for the month of Jany 1889.

Very Respectfully.

Supt

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

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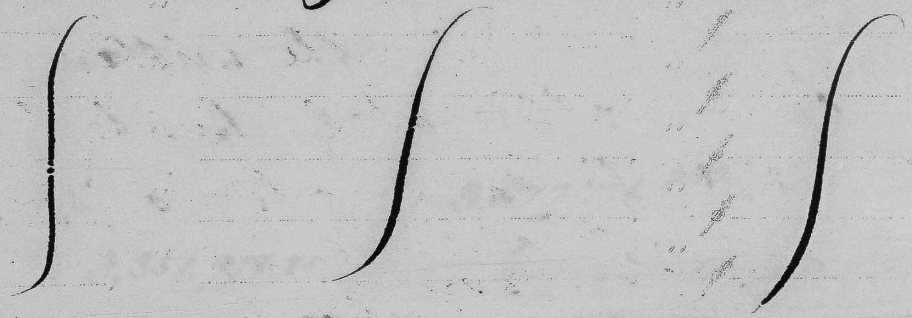

5 February 9

Sir;

Until further notice the purchasing rate of silver in lots of less than ten thousand ounces will be 93 3/4 cents per ounce fine.

Respectfully

D. M. Fox

Superintendent

Mr. H. S. Cochran

Weigh Clerk

5. February 9

Sir,

Under further notice the purchasing rate of silver will be for not less than ten thousand ounces 93 1/4 Cents per ounce

Respectfully

A. M. H.

Superintendent

Mr. Geo. Eberich

Assistant Clerk

L.R.L.

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|---|---|---|
| 5594 | Handy & Harman | $56.684.32 ✓ |
| 5595 | Nesslage Colgate & Co | $47,351.87 ✓ |
| 5596 | Nesslage Colgate & Co | $25.965.92 ✓ |

Sir:

February 6th 9.

Sir:-

There seems to be a discrepancy of $63.38. in your Shipment No. 1. of Gold Bullion.

Enclosed please find a letter from our Assayer, in relation thereto.

Please examine into the matter and report to me at once, as I am withholding the Transfer until I hear from you.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Robt P. Waring. Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U.S. Assay Office.
Charlotte. N.C.

February 6th 99

Sir -

In the statement of Gold bullion, shipment No. 1 - from the Assay Office at Charlotte N.C, the Gross value of the Gold is $13210.51. - The value as calculated from our assays is $13147.13, showing a discrepancy of $63.38. -
On receipt of this bullion, it was melted in mass, and assayed, - the fineness being 819½ (819.1) As this fineness showed considerable variation from the calculated fineness of the mass, and assuming that there might still be a want of homogeneity, I had the bullion re-melted, there was a small loss (.20) but a corresponding gain in fineness. The Assay being 820. -
Thinking there is a possibility of an error, I refer the matter to you

for examination

Respectfully
Jacob R. Eckfeldt
Assayer

Hon. Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent

6. February 9

Sir,

I have instructions from the Treasury Department to remove a portion of the treasure in store in the vaults in the second story of the Post Office building. To do this, which involves the removal of $7.000.000, it will require a portion of each working day except Saturday about 16 days - say 2 hours each day. We will commence the work on the 10th inst. To do it safely I am obliged to ask that you appropriate the south-ern elevator to our exclusive use during the operation.

What I particularly desire is that you will please designate

that portion of the time that may best suit the public convenience, and our purpose, to abstain from using the elevator and if it suited, I should like to designate between the hours of 12 and 2. This will compel visitors to the upper stories, during this time to avail themselves of the Northern lift. We will be as expeditious as we can and in serving the authorities at Washington to endeavor to serve the public at the same time.

I will be happy to hear from you on the subject.

Respectfully

Supervisor

Hon. William J. Harrity
Custodian P.O. Building
Philadelphia

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Philadelphia

January 30½ 9

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Geo. S. Goodman

Wash Clerk

A.M. Fox

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February 7th 9.

Sir,

I will make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor, for the sum of fifteen hundred (1500) Dollars, payable from the Appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion, to aid in meeting the expenses of this Mint, on that account for the Current month.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Svt
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Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

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February 7th 9

Sir;

Please make requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor for the sum of ten thousand (10,000) Dollars, payable from the Appropriation for the Coinage of Standard Silver Dollars, to aid in meeting the expenses of this Mint, on that account, for the current month.

Very Respectfully

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

SRL

February 7th 9

Sir;

Enclosed please find Certificate of Deposit no. 26893. for 250.000 Standard Silver Dollars shipped on account of Transfer Order 16633, received from your Office this morning.

As there seems to be some error in regard to the same, I respectfully return it, no such amount having been shipped from this Mint.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon. James W. Hyatt.
Treasurer U.S.
Washington.
D.C.

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February 7th 9

J. H. Seligman & Co
February 5th 9

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Paid by United States Treasurer

Feby 7th 1899.

Pay this my check

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|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ch. 7597 | pay | Handy & Harman | for | $153.062.50 ✓ |
| 7598 | " | J. & W. Seligman & Co. | " | $ 75.146.89 ✓ |
| 7599 | " | Heidelbach Ickelheimer & Co | " | $ 29.926.33 ✓ |
| 7600 | " | Fourth National Bank N.Y. | " | $ 19 815.04 |
| / | " | / | " | $ / |

on account for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully

[signature]

Disbursing Clerk.

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

8. February 9

Sir;

Your letter of the 7th inst. directing that no gold dollars, three-dollar pieces, & three-cent pieces be struck this year for proofs or for any other purpose until orders are received from your bureau, and that dies will not be prepared for these denominations in advance of the receipt of instructions to coin, has been received and your instructions (over) immediately communicated to the Engraver, the Coiner, and the Medal Clerk for their guidance.

In this connection it is proper to state for your information that the Medal Clerk had already received from the Coiner, in the regular course of business, 300 Silver and

500 minor coin proof sets of 1889, containing 3 pieces. Of these he has sold 69 silver and 440 minor coin sets, and has in his possession 231 silver and 60 minor sets. Orders are on file — the money having been received — for 17 silver and 98 minor sets which have not yet been filled. No gold proof sets for 1889 have been received by the medal clerk, nor have the dies been furnished by the Engraver. Sales of proof sets were suspended this morning to await further instructions from you as to the disposition to be made of those still on hand.

Your instructions of the 7th inst., necessitate corresponding changes in the regulations for the manufacture and sale of proof coins and sets, which I have prepared and herewith enclose for your

approval and return, under section 3551
Revised Statutes.

Very respectfully
D. M. Ochiltree
Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

8: February 9

Modified Regulations for the sale of Proof sets

1 The 3-dollar and 1-dollar gold pieces and the 3-cent nickel piece, will be eliminated from the list of United States Coins.

2 The price of the regular proof set of gold coins will be 40 dollars; proof set of silver and minor coins 3-dollars; and minor-coin proof sets 10-cents per set

Daniel M Fox
Superintendent

Approved

Director of the Mint

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

February 9th, 1897

Sir

I draw this day check

No 7631, favor Handy & Harman, for $19,246.03

" 7632 " Fourth Nat Bank N.Y. " $25,285.72

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

" " " " " "

in payment for Silver Ballion

I am, very respectfully,

[signature]

Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

[Ex. 1-25-25. 5000]

Sec'd

February 9th 9

Handy & Harman
February 1st 9

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February 9th 9

Handy & Harman

February 8th 9

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Rec.

Rec'd of the Cyclops Iron Co. of Philadelphia,

February 11th 1869.

Dr.

To cash bill my draft

No. 7603 favor Neslage Agate & Co. $ 9.707.71

[illegible]

Respectfully Otis Ellis

To cash very respectfully

[signature]

Superintendent

Cleveland Ohio & Co.

Ohio & Co.

[illegible]

L.R.L.

February 11th 1879

Sir:

Enclosed please find Mint Memorandum showing Sale Value, Nett Value, and Loss by Recoinage of $50.000. Uncurrent Silver Coin received from Assistant Treasurer U. S. Philadelphia. for recoinage.

Very Respectfully,
A. M. Clark
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

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February 12th 9

Sir.

I forward this day by Adams Express Co. prepaid, a box containing my Bullion Accounts and Vouchers for the Second Quarter 1888-89.

Very Respectfully.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

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Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

February 12th 1869.

Dr.

The Treasurer of the United States

Cash $ 7251 Landy & Harman $ 39.342.55

" 7605 Fourth Nat Bk N.Y. " 18.208.26

In payment for Silver Dollars

I am very respectfully,

Superintendent.

Assistant Treasurer U.S.

New York

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January 12th 9

Fourth National Bank N.Y.
February 1st 9

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DM Fox

12: February 9

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose, for transmittal to the Secretary of the Treasury, Certificate of Deposit $284, of the Assistant Treasurer in this City, for $11.00 — deposited on account of profits on subsidiary coinage.

Very respectfully

Supt

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

12: February 9

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:—

If basement of old building is to be lowered thirty (30) inches arrangements should be made with contractor for lining vault "D" at once. Please advise?

Very respectfully

D M Fox

Superintendent

Col Wm. A. French
Supervising Architect
Washington
D.C.

13. February 9

Sir,

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:-

"Please direct tomorrow morning early, suspension of Count at the Post Office vaults until close of Assay Commission, which requires the full attention of the officers in charge of those vaults. Count at mint has been completed though not without trouble on account of Assay Commission.

Please see letter to Treasurer

Very respectfully

Director.

Hon: J. G. Fairchild
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

February 13 9

Sir:

The count by your office of the Mint at Philadelphia has been most unfortunately mistimed, as it falls while the Assay Commission is in session. I think that I should have been notified of the time, when appointed.

I now write, however, to say that it would greatly facilitate a count at the Post Office vaults if one compartment could be cleared, that is two million (2,000,000) shipped to Washington.

It will not be fair to the

superintendent or his bondsmen that any count should be undertaken until it can be properly represented by the superintendent in the person of the cashier, whose full time is taken up by the Assay Commission, as he is in charge of the pyx, and also so as to obviate any exposure of coin outside the vaults.

In the absence of the Treasurer, please communicate this letter to the Secretary of the Treasury, who has been addressed by telegraph on the same subject this evening.

Respectfully yours,

Director of the Mint

Jas. N. Nyatt, Esq.,
Treasurer U. S.,
Washington, D. C.

Bank of the United States at Philadelphia

February 14th 1859.

Please discount the following notes

No. 7606, from Messlage Coldgate & Co for $27.134.21

7607, " Fourth Nat. Bank Cin. $34.777.46

I am very respectfully

Your obedient

Master Transfer Clerk

February 14th 9

Fourth National Bank N.Y.

February 8th 9

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February 11th 9

Nassau Agate Co
February 1st 9

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149.983.98
140.085.04
0.9540

Cancelled.

14: February 9

Sir;

Under section 3507 Revised Statutes I have appointed George A. Frame, an engraver in the Coiner's department of this Mint at $3.00 per diem - vice E. L. Stanbright, transferred and promoted - to take effect from date of oath and, submit the Submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Asst. Supt.

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

14: February 1

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

Explain to Secretary that count at Post Office should not begin till the seven millions have been shipped to Washington. Shipment to begin Monday next, and lasting fourteen days

Respectfully

Jas. P. Kimball

Director

Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

February 14th 9.

7608 from Handy & Harman for $20.616.24
7609 J. & W. Seligman & Co. 37.113.09

February 14th 9

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14. February 9

Sir;

In compliance with instructions of the 30th Nov., I have this day forwarded to the Mint of the United States at New Orleans the following dies in further fulfilment of your order:-

10 pairs of Standard dollar dies, Obverse and reverse 50 to 59 inclusive.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

14: Feby 9

Sir;

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official

Can ship one million daily as suggested

Very respectfully
J. M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James W. Tyatt
Treasurer, United States
Washington
D.C.

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February 14th 9

Sir;

Enclosed please find Bill in duplicate for 10 pairs Standard Silver Dollar Dies, manufactured for, and forwarded to Mint at New Orleans, amounting to $256.80, which amount to be carried to the credit of Appropriation for Support of Phila. Mint.

Very Respectfully.
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D.C.

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February 15th ...9

7610 ... Fourth Nat Bk N.Y. ... $269.09

7611 ... American Exchange Nat Bk N.Y. ... $93,507.99

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American Exchange Nat Bank N.Y.

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DMH

Ltr.

February 16th 9

Sir.

Please admit Mr. H. E. Spackman and Capt. Cretzer, who are authorized to examine the records stored in the Mail department of the Post Office.

Very Respectfully
D. M. Fox
Supt.

To the Post Office Guard.
Mail Department.

S.P.C.

February 16th 9

Sir.

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official. viz.

"Please have my balance with Asst Treas. New York, increased immediately. Funds needed for payment of Silver arriving."

Very Respectfully,

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball,
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

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Feby 16" 9.

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| 7612 | Handy & Harman | $10.297.94 |
| 7613 | Fourth Nat Bank N.Y. | $30.412.50 |

16. February 9

Sir;

By letter from you dated May 18th 1887, I was informed that Ch. Charles W Johnson, Chief Clerk of the United States Senate, having filed with the Bureau of the Mint a bond in the sum of 50 dollars for the return in good order of a set of medals to be loaned for a period of two months, from Aug. 15. 1887, under the provisions of a Joint resolution of Congress approved Feb. 3d. 1887, I was authorized to strike and ship Mr Johnson at Minneapolis a set of medals for the purpose intended. By a subsequent letter of May 21st also from yourself, I was instructed that the said of medals referred to, were those of a national character

which might be struck in bronze, accom-
panying which was an enclosure from the
Johnson himself addressed to you as Director
of the Mint, dated May 14. 1887, enclosing
therewith a bond in accordance with the
understanding, in which he promises to
take care of and exhibit them personally and
see that they are mounted handsomely and
shown in cases, as they were in the National
Museum, and asks that the medals should
be shipped to him at Minneapolis.

By a letter from you as Director of the
Mint to me as Superintendent of the Phila-
delphia Mint, it was stated that the bond
was fixed at 50 dollars, the amount of the
Minneapolis Industrial Exposition bond for
the return of the medals, and that it was
intended merely to cover the intrinsic value
of the medals so as to protect the Mint accounts.

2

My letter from myself addressed to Mr. Johnson at Minneapolis under date of July 9th 1887, I apprised him, in Compliance with his request, I had the same day sent to his address by Adams Express a list of the National Medals kept in stock at my Mint to be exhibited as desired.

The list sent him Consisted of 92 medals which were designated on an accompanying Circular.

My medal-Clerk informs me that he has had a personal Conference with Mr Johnson, at Washington, and asked that they might be returned) and received for answer, that it was not convenient for him to gather up the medals at that time, owing to the loss of a key, to whatever receptacle they were placed in.

I am very desirous of having the matter closed, as the accounts stand open even down to the present time.

Will you be good enough to communicate with the gentleman referred to and aid me in getting back the medals?

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

LRb

February 18" 9

Fourth National Bank N.J.
February 8" 9

60.206.34
60.134.50
a.9330 56.105.45

NHH

Pay

Bank of the United States of Philadelphia.

February 18th, 1889.

Pay

Cash this day check

No 7614 in favor Handy & Harman for $ 138.975.32

7615 " Fourth Nat. Bank N.Y. $ 14.637.92

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on Assignment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully

Wm Hunt

Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

1500 - 1-88 50. (60)

Mint of the US
Philada 2d Feb. 1859

January 31st 1859
1.086.676.88

(SRC)

Supt.

L&L

February 18th 89.

Sir;

I enclose herewith Memorandum. No. 3. of Gold Bullion received at this Mint from Robt. P. Haring, Assayer in Charge of the Charlotte Assay Office. A very careful assay of this Bullion was made by our Assayer, revealing a discrepancy of $63.38 between $13.210.51, the amount claimed by the Charlotte Assay Office for the Gold, and $13.147.13. the result of our own assay. It thus appears, that an error had been made in the latter office, to its own loss.

Every care has been taken at this Mint to prove our work, without finding any mistake, and having written to the Assayer at Charlotte, in regard to the error, he states in reply, that he is unable to locate it in his work.

I am at a loss to know what should be done,

and in forwarding the enclosed Memo. to you, for transfering the amount to the Bullion Fund, I have thought it best to give you these facts.

I also enclose Copies of the letter of our Assayer, addressed to me, and my letter enclosing the same to the Assayer at Charlotte; also a copy of his reply thereto.

Respectfully submitting my action for your immediate Consideration.

I am, respectfully,

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

Supt.

(Copy)

February 6th 89

Sir;

In the statement of Gold bullion, Shipment No. 1. from the Assay Office at Charlotte. N.C. the Gross value of the Gold is $13.210.57 - The value as calculated from our assays is $13.147.13. showing a discrepancy of $63.38.-

On receipt of this bullion, it was melted in mass, and assayed, the fineness being 819½. (819.7)

As this fineness showed considerable variation from the calculated fineness of the mass, and assuming that there might still be a want of homogeneity, I had the bullion re-melted, there was a small loss (.2) but a corresponding gain in fineness, The assay being 820.-

Thinking there is a possibility of error, I refer the matter to you for examination

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Respectfully.
Jacob B. Eckfeldt.
Assayer.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox.
Superintendent.

(Copy)

Feb 6

February 6th 9.

Sir:

There seems to be a discrepancy of $63.38 in your Shipment No. 1. of Gold Bullion.

Enclosed please find a letter from our Assr in relation thereto.

Please examine into the matter and report to me at once, as I am withholding the Transfer until I hear from you.

Very Respectfully,
D. M. Fox.
Supt.

Robt. P. Waring. Esq.
Assayer in Charge.
U. S. Assay Office
Charlotte N C

(Copy)

United States Assay Office, Charlotte, N.C.
14th Feb. 1889.

Hon. D.M. Fox, Supt. Phila. Mint.

Sir:

Pressure of business has prevented attention to the discrepancy alluded to in your letter of the 6th, & in the provisional memorandum of the 2d.

I have been over the calculations, and find no error, & it has been utterly impossible as yet to examine the parcels by reassay, and if our assays shd be wrong, it is now too late to obtain redress, as the returns are now in the hands of third parties.

I am compelled to leave the "arbitration" of the matter to the Director of the Mint, if you think it demands "arbitration".

I presume (in case you do this) that it will be preferred by him that you send the samples of the

individual bars, as well as of the resultive bars, for examination by this office.

I beg to be advised of your action at once.

Thanking you for your courtesy,

I remain,

Your Obdt. Servant.

George B. Hanna.

Gold Assayer.

SRL

February 18th 9

Sir,

Replying to your letter of the 14th inst, I will say, that I have submitted the matter of the discrepancy of $63.38, to the Director of the Mint, for his consideration, enclosing Mem. No. 2 herewith.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Robert P. Waring, Esq.
Assayer in Charge
U. S. Assay Office.
Charlotte, N.C.

16: February 9

Sir,

Enclosed herewith I forward One standard dollar to cover the shortage on Transfer order No. 16641 reported in your letter of the 15th inst,

Very respectfully
N. M. Hill
Superintendent

Hon: James W. Nyatt
Treasurer of the United States
Washington
D.C.

Ellobj 18th 9

3.935.625.211

3.684.620.31 31.629 X

1395 X

1176.877. 4x0

12.142.962

1.099.128.5

11.461.90

LRb

February 19th 19.

No 7616 from Handy & Harman $ 13401.86

7617 " Fourth Nat Bank N.Y. 16.146.50

19: February 9

Sir:

I acknowledge with thanks your letter of the 16th inst., returning One (1) dime found over in a Count of $1,000 in dimes deposited with you on account of the profits on subsidiary Silver Coins

Very respectfully

N M Dr

Superintendent

Hon: A. Davis Page
Assistant Treasurer United States
Philadelphia
Penna

SPRb

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

February 20th 9

Dr.

To amt. this day check

Ch. 7618 favr. Fourth National Bk. $ 33,456 78

[illegible]

in payment for Silver Bullion

I am, very respectfully

W Millard

Superintendent

Colonial Treasury Dr.

Paid

[illegible]

LBb

February 20th 9

Sir;

I have to request authority for the issuing to Joseph Wharton of an order for an additional 50.000 lbs. Bronze 1¢ Blanks on his Contract now pending. The demand for Bronze 1¢ pieces continues, and I believe that it would be in order, to be prepared to meet the requirements of the public.

Very Respectfully.
W. E. Dr
Supt

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D.C.

February 20th 9.

Sir:

Enclosed please find $6.75. being the balance due you in payment of your bill of expenses incurred in attending the Annual Assay at this Mint Feb. 13th 14th & 15th, amounting to $86.75.

Please acknowledge receipt of the same.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

21: January 9

Sir

I have this morning received a letter to you of the 14th inst. from S. B. & H. Chapman of this City with your endorsement thereon of the 20th inst., authorizing me to Continue the issue already begun of Silver and minor Coin proof pieces of 1889.

Do I understand that this authorizes me to Continue to strike and issue the silver and minor Coin proof pieces of 1889, after those now on hand have been sold, or am I limited to the issue of those already on hand? If restricted limited shall I continue to include the nickel 3¢ piece.

Please advise me.

I have in every instance informed

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applicants for gold pieces that none of them have been struck

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

P.S. Applications and remittances for proof coins are numerous and urgent.

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3.963.637 737

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15.918 804

1243.309.10

14.932.47

LRb

Bon of the United States Steamer Richmond

2446.21 9

Sir

I owe you this day bond

No. 7619 for Handy & Hauman $ 65.093.12

7620 " Smith Hall Schmidt & Co $ 16.082.26

In payment for Silver Dollars

I am very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Handy & Hauman & Co

New York

Ex. 246. 105

21 February 1879

Sir;

In conformity with the provisions of Sect. 3604 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that, on the recommendation of the Chief hereinenclosed, I have promoted John Loram Watkins, in his department, to annualon @ $1300 per diem - vice C. J. Hambright transferred to the General department - to take effect from the day he assumes his new duties, and, submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

24 February 9

Sir

Miss Margaret McHoyt, adjuster having resigned her name will be dropped from the rolls to take effect after the 28th inst.

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21: February 9

Sir;

Under sect. 3504 Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Coroner herein inclosed I have appointed Mrs. Catharine Abril an Adjuster in this Mint @ $2.00 per diem — vice Miss Margaret A. Stoyt resigned — to take effect from the date of her oath, and, submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: J. P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

21: Jebruary 9

Sir:

In conformity with the provisions of section 3507 of Revised Statutes, I have the honor to inform you that on the recommendation of the Courier herein enclosed, I have appointed George A Frame a Cutler in this Department @ $2.00 per diem — vice John Coram promoted — to take effect from date of oath, and submit the same for your approval

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

21 February 9

Sir,

Mr E. A. McClure, the Curator of the Cabinet, urgently recommends the purchase of the set of "50 volumes 8vo of the Numismatic Chronicle and Journal of the Numismatic Society" for the Cabinet library, described in the enclosed printed slip, which please return to me with your reply.

Mr McClure says that this publication would be of inestimable value for reference as it is complete from 1836 to 1887. Nine of the volumes are unbound the others are bound.

The price is £36.-

I very much desire to make this purchase as soon as you may be proper

to authorize me to do so. I should act promptly if I am to secure it;

Very respectfully

Wm Kelly

Superintendent

Hon. J. P. Kimball
Sixth Auditor
Washington
D.C.

SRL

February 23rd 9

Sir;

I return herewith for receipting, your bill in duplicate, for expenses incurred in attending the Annual Assay, which please sign and return, and the money will be forwarded to you in Gold Coin as requested. Please state what denominations.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Wm. A. E. Spackman.
Mint Bureau.
Washington.
D.C.

23 Feby 9

Sir

I am informed by the Superintendent of Construction, that all the drawings and plans for the proposed alterations to the Mint building, have been completed and forwarded to your office for your consideration and approval.

As time is rapidly passing and I am exceedingly anxious to begin the work as soon as may be practicable, will you be good enough to inform me how soon these working plans can be returned with your views to proceed with the proposed alterations

An early reply will greatly oblige me and I beg to assure you that any letter

you can do to expedite this important
work will be most gratefully appreciated
Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Superintendent

Hon William A. Freeman
Supervising Architect
Washington DC

24 February 9

Sir

You have been promoted to the position of Traveler in the Commissary Department at $3.00 per diem to take effect on the 1st inst.

Please show this to the State that he may assign you to your new duty

Respectfully

A. M. Fox

Superintendent

Lt. John Lorain

Custer, Dakota Ter

Spec

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia

February 25th 9

To

Cr. by this day's Assay

No. 7621. from Fourth Nat. Bank N.Y. for $49.092.32/

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Payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully

Dft. Fox

Superintendent

Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New York

LRB

Feby 25th 9

Fourth National Bank N.Y.
Feby 12th 9

75.331.75
75.243.18
0.9560 70.427.62

25. February 9

Sir

Respectfully acknowledging the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst., authorizing me to order from Joseph R. Patton 300 M pounds additional of one-cent blanks under the contract with him for those blanks at 2.65/100 cts. per pound, I have to explain that the price stated is erroneous being that exacted in former contract.

In the current contract of Nov. 16th 1888, the price is fixed at 2 1/4 9/10 cts. per pound

Very respectfully

W. A. M'Fee

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington D.C.

F. N. S.

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3.898.033 832

3.649.425.90 37.649 X

1108 X

1.383.577.274 1.292.401.44

18.446.040 17.397.59

February 26th 9

Fourth National Bank N.Y.

February 15th 9

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| | 59.704.25 |
| | 59.634.07 |
| 0.9345 | 55.728.45 ✓ |

S.R.L.

[illegible] Court of the United States [illegible]

February 26th [illegible] 9

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7622 from Handy & Haman for $73.758.08

7623 Fourth Nat Bank N.Y. $11.375.21

[illegible]

S.D.L.

February 26th 9

Sir;

Please have Transfer Orders issued for covering the Assay Coins of the Calendar year 1888, recently assayed at this Mint, viz as follows.

| For | Gold | Silver |
|---|---|---|
| San Francisco Mint | $ 25.230 | $ 567. |
| New Orleans " | 220 | 6.075. |

the same being now ready for transfer to the Bullion Fund of this Mint.

Very Respectfully.
D.M.W.P.
Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball.
Director of the Mint.
Washington.
D.C.

Feb. 20 1879

Sir,

Enclosed I have sent you by Registered Mail No 24. 30, the account of your bill of expenses for attending the annual survey.

I think you will find the remittance a good one that you desire.

Respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

M. M. B. Hackman

Mint Bureau

Washington

D. C.

February 28th 9

Sir:

I feel it to be my duty to advise you that the orders for Gold Coin Proof Sets of the Current Calendar year, are increasing upon me daily, and those parties who had already made deposits with me, down to the time of your order to suspend the issue of them, are becoming anxious to know why their orders have not been filled, and I am unable to offer any explanation in regard to the matter. What instructions have you to give me to enable me to answer these inquiries?

Very Respectfully.

Supt

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C

Feby 28th 9

Handy & Harman
Feby 15th 9

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| | 299.657.60 |
| | 299.159.88 |
| 0.9345 | 279.564.89 |

Feby 28th 9

7634 for Handy & Harman for 118.336.51

Philadelphia
February 28 9

28th February 9

536.07½.50

New York Credit

Feby 28th 9

3.792.037.140

3.550.189.44

1370

1.440.798.150

20.744.190

1.345.874.22.

19.557.46

Ph. February 9

Sir

I have this day transmitted by Registered Mail to your office the following Coins received for special assay from the deposits of the Coins during the current month.

22 Standard Silver Dollars

Respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: Andrew Mason
Superintendent U.S. Assay Office
New York

1. March 9

Sir

The Coiner has made requisition upon me for one ream of white paper of a better quality than the enclosed sample, in which to enveloppe proof sets. If it cannot be furnished from Washington, I will thank you to authorize the purchase here. It is indispensable for the purpose named

I am respectfully
Your ob't Ser't
Dan'l M. Fox
Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D. C.

1 March 9

Sir

I have the honor of transmitting the oath of office of Miss Catharine Weil recently appointed Adjuster in this Mint

Very respectfully
[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

March 9

Sir,

I have the honor to forward you by today's mail, my Ordinary, Standard Silver Dollar Coinage, Standard Silver Dollar Storage and Refinery Expense Accounts for the month of February 1859.

Very Respectfully.

Supt.

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

SRL

March 2nd 9

Sir.

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official, viz:

"Handy & Harman claim sale of two hundred twenty five thousand (225.000) ounces Silver. Your statement gives two hundred thousand (200.000). Please advise which is right."

Very Respectfully.

Dan'l M. Fox

Supt

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington.
D.C.

2: March 9

Sir:

Immediately upon the receipt of your letter of 28th ulto., with regard to our method of dealing with mutilated Coins I suspended all transactions in that class of Coins until further advices. The extract with which you have favored me Correctly gives the practice which has always prevailed in accomplishing the exact redemption of mutilated Coins in sums of three dollars and upwards. The idea of thus accommodating the public as I am informed originated with this Mint, and was approved and confirmed by Director

Bunchard's Circular of February 2. 1882 frequently reäffirmed, and followed by your own Circular of June 24th. 1886:— Copies of the Circulars herewith enclosed.

These circulars, although slightly modified, have never been abrogated or recalled, that I am aware of.

For my information I beg to ask in what particular the practice is amenable to the charge of irregularity?

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon: James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

1: March 9

Sir:

I am called upon by the City authorities to surrender 5 feet of the South front of the Mint premises on Chestnut Street to widen that street to the new line established in pursuance of the City ordinance approved March 31: 1884.

I enclose a copy of the communication I have received to day from the Mayor of the City and also one from the Assistant City Solicitor to which I invite your attention.

I also transmit a drawing furnished by our City Survey Department showing

the amount of ground to be sur=
rendered including half of our front
steps and also showing how new steps
can be placed between the columns to
left the portico to its intended uses after
the present lower steps have been
removed.

For the ground thus surrendered
damages will of Course be paid to the
" ed States upon the report of a jury
vers. For the 5 feet surrendered by
Girard Life Insurance Annuity and
rust Company, 100 feet in length, im=
mediately West of the Mint the sum of
$12,500 was awarded and paid.

As this is an important matter
in itself, and under the circumstances

urgent in time, I hasten to submit the whole subject for your consideration that you may adopt the plans for the enlargement of the Mint to the agency thus presented; and shall be glad to hear from you on the subject at your earliest convenience

Very respectfully

R. M. Cox

Superintendent

Hon: William A. Freret
Supervising Architect
Washington
D.C.

Copy

Office of the Mayor
Philadelphia

March 1. 1889

Hon. Daniel M. Fox
Superintendent United States Mint
Philadelphia

Dear Sir

Understanding that it is contemplated to make extensive improvements at the United States Mint, I feel it my duty as Chief Magistrate of the City to ask you to have your plans so arranged that the building can be receded to conform with the new line established by City Councils. I also send you a letter from the Assistant City Solicitor, containing, in-

formation as to what work is being done in order to widen Chestnut Street and a plan showing what alteration will be needed at the Mint.

If you can obtain the proper authority to meet this question it will be duly appreciated by

Yours truly

Edwin H. Fitler

Mayor

Law Department
of the
City of Philadelphia,
231 South Sixth Street
Philadelphia March 1st 89

Hon. Edwin Fitler,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

Dear Sir:

As requested by you yesterday, I send you a brief statement as to the duties of Chestnut Street in reference to the widening of the street to its proper width for the safety of the United States Mint.

Chestnut Street was originally platted of the width of 50 feet, and the Mint was constructed on that line. Many of the property owners recognizing the desirability of wider footways, fell back when they built. This is notably the case between 9th Street on the South side, and west of 9th Street on the North side.

In 1870 the Legislature by the Act of April 25th (P.L. 1291) enacted "That the south line of Chestnut Street between the rivers Delaware and Schuylkill shall be at the distance of 539 feet southward of the south side of Market Street: Provided, that this Act shall not interfere with any buildings now erected on the South side of Chestnut Street."

This Act resulted in a recession, which at most points was 5 feet, and since its enactment the City has been zealous in compelling property owners, when they came to rebuild or to make alterations equivalent to a re-construction, to recede.

You will at once recall the cases of the "Times" building and the line at the westward at 8th Street; the Leonard property - 1312; the Bradford Clark property, south-west corner of Broad, and those to the westward; the property at South-west corner of 13th Street, and the Lennan property at [illegible]

Since you became Mayor, the widening has been progressing rapidly. The Assembly Buildings property, and the 5 properties just east of 10th Street, have gone back by virtue of an Ordinance compelling the owners to tear down and recede, and the City has paid, and will have to pay, under proceedings now pending, large sums of money for the accomplishment of this improvement.

The Street is now legally of the width of 80 ft. This has been accomplished by virtue of the Ordinance approved on the 31st day of March, A.D. 1884, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the widening of Chestnut Street on the City Plan":

"Section 1. The select & Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, that the Department of Surveys be, and is hereby authorized to revise the City Plan, so as to make Chestnut St. from the Delaware to the Schuylkill River, of the width of Sixty (60) feet, widening equally on

sides from the old centre line."

Since the passage of that Ordinance, the City has paid damages to the owners of the properties on Chestnut Street below 2nd Street, which were rebuilt after the fire, about 3 years ago, and to some five owners who have rebuilt on the north side.

The most recent, and perhaps the most important, was the Girard Trust Company, who are constructing a property at the north-east corner of Broad Street, and whose land was, when they tore down the old structures, 100 ft. by 100 ft. The City compelled them to recede 5 feet, and the Jury awarded them $12,500.00 for this recession, which has been paid.

The next property to the eastward is that of the United States Mint. As shown by the plan, which I send you herewith, the steps at present project 5 feet over the line as established by the Ordinance of 1884. As the Government is about to make extensive alterations there, the sidewalk can be widened

and a vast public benefit confered without any serious inconvenience to the property.

The properties on the South side of the Street from Juniper Street almost to Broad are now back to the new line. There certainly is no other locality in Philadelphia where a wide Street is of so much public importance, or so much improves the property fronting on it.

I write you this that you may present the matter to the officials in charge. Mr. Warwick desires me to say, that anything that he, or I, can do, to further the matter, whether here, or at Washington, we will most cheerfully do

Yours very truly,
Abraham M. Beitler
Asst City Sol'r.

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia, Pa.
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE.

1. March 1869.

Sir,

I am called upon by the City authorities to surrender a strip of ground 5 feet wide on the South front of the Mint premises on Chestnut Street so as to widen Chestnut Street in conformity with an Ordinance of Councils approved on the 31st day of March 1869. This will require the removal of the lower half of our front steps. The ground thus given up will of course be paid for by the City upon damages to be assessed by a jury. For the 5 feet surrendered by the Girard

Life Insurance Annuity and Trust Company, -100 feet in length - in immediately Rear of the Mint the sum of $12,000. was assessed and paid. Our front is 110 feet in length, we shall have a proportionally per amount of damages

I herewith enclose a copy of letter received from the Mayor, and also, one received from the Assistant City Solicitor, for your information. I have taken the liberty to refer the matter to the Supervising Architect under whose immediate jurisdiction the subject comes and have also forwarded to him the drawing prepared by the City Survey department, exhibiting the amount of

ground to be taken and also showing how new steps can be placed between the Columns in order to adapt the front portico to its continued uses

Very respectfully

B. B. McKee

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball
Director of the Mint
Washington
D.C.

(Copy)

Office of the Mayor,
Philadelphia,
March 1. 1889.

Hon. Daniel M. Fox,
Superintendent United States Mint,
Philadelphia.

Dear Sir.

Understanding that is contemplated to make extensive improvements at the United States Mint, I feel it my duty as Chief Magistrate of the City, to ask of you to have your plans so arranged that the building can be receded to conform with the new lines established by City Councils. I also send you a letter from the Assistant City Solicitor, containing information as to what work is being done in order to widen Chestnut Street and a plan showing what alterations will be needed at the Mint.

If you can obtain the proper authority to meet this question it will be duly appreciated by

Yours truly
Edwin H Fitler.
Mayor.

Law Department
of the
City of Philadelphia
231 South 6th St.

Philadelphia, March 1st 89

(Copy)

Hon. Edwin H. Fitler,
Mayor of Philadelphia.

Dear Sir.

As requested by you yesterday, I send you a brief statement as to the status of Chestnut Street with reference to the widening of the Street to its present lines in front of the property of the United States Mint.

Chestnut Street was originally plotted of the width of 50 feet, and the Mint was constructed upon that line. Many of the property owners realizing the desirability of wider footways, set back when they built. This is notably the case for two and above 11th Street on the south side

west of 9th Street on the north side.

In 1870 the Legislature by the act of April 28th, (P. L. 1291) enacted "That the South line of Chestnut Street between the rivers Delaware and Schuylkill shall be at the distance of 539 feet southward of the south side of Market Street; Provided, that this act shall not interfere with any buildings now erected on the south side of Chestnut Street."

This Act resulted in a recession, which at most points was 5 feet, and since its enactment the City has been zealous in compelling property owners, when they come to rebuild or to make alterations equivalent to a re-construction, to recede.

You will at once recall the cases of the "Times" building and the two to the westward at 8th Street; the Lennard property, 1312; the Bradford Clark property, south-west corner of 13 road, and three to the westward; the property at south-west

corner of 13th Street, and the Conway property at #1002.

Since you became Mayor, the widening has been progressing rapidly. The Assembly Buildings property, and the 5 properties just east of 10th St., have gone back by virtue of an ordinance compelling the owners to tear down and recede, and the City has paid, and will have to pay, under proceedings now pending, large sums of money for the accomplishment of this improvement.

The street is now legally of the width of 60 feet. This has been accomplished by virtue of the ordinance approved on the 31st day of March, A. D. 1884, entitled "An Ordinance to provide for the widening of Chestnut Street on the City Plan.":

"Section 1. The Select & Common Councils of the City of Philadelphia do ordain, that the Department of Surveys be, and is, hereby authorized to revise the City Plan, so as to make Chestnut

from the Delaware river to the Schuylkill river, of the width of sixty (60) feet, widening equally on both sides from the old centre line."

Since the passage of that Ordinance, the City has paid damages to the owners of the properties on Chestnut Street below 2nd Street, which were rebuilt after the fire, about 3 years ago, and to some other owners who have rebuilt on the north side. The most recent, and perhaps the most important, was the Girard Point Company, who are constructing a property at the north east corner of Broad Street, and whose land was, when they tore down the old structure, 100 ft. by 100 ft. The City compelled them to recede 5 feet, and the jury awarded them $12,500.00 for this recession, which has been paid.

The next property to the eastward is that of the United States Mint. As shown by the plan, which I send you herewith, the Mint

at present project 5 ft over the line as established by the Ordinance of 1884. As the Government is about to make extensive alterations there, the sidewalks can be widened, and a vast public benefit conferred without any serious inconvenience to the property.

The projections on the south side of the street from Juniper Street almost to Broad, are now back to the new line. There certainly is no other locality in Philadelphia where a wide street is of so much public importance, or so much improves the property fronting on it.

I write you this that you may present the matter to the officials in charge. Mr Warwick desires me to say that anything that he or I can do to assist in the matter, either here or at Washington, we will most cheerfully do.

Yours, very truly,

Abraham M. Beitler

Asst City Sol'r.

LRb

March 4th 1879.

To

Please find my check

No. 7625 favor Handy & Harman $ 69.039.31 ✓

7626 " Neulage Colgate & Co 37.881.64 ✓

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In payment for Silver Bullion

I am very respectfully

A. R. Ho

Superintendent.

Cleveland Rolling Mill Co

Silver Bullion

F.H.S.

March 4th 9

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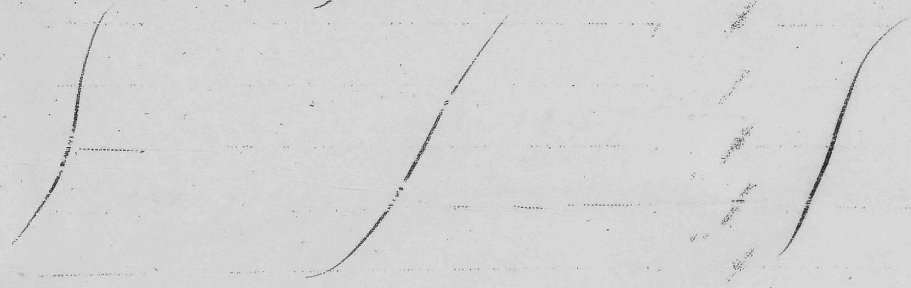
March 5th 9.

No. 7627 from Handy & Harman $ 90.229.79/100



5. March 1

Sir

I have the honor to transmit the oath of office of George A. Frame appointed Cutter in the Coiner's Department of this Mint.

Very respectfully

Your Obt Svt

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington

D. C.

5 March 9

Sir

I am obliged to make requisition upon the Department for 2000 blank leaves of abstract for the Miners use, like the enclosed samples. They should have been included in my last semi-annual requisition for blank forms but it was not done owing to the absence in the Miners' Department as to the number of blanks we had on hand and the length of time they would last.

The necessity for this requisition is urged for these reasons

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt

Hon Jos. P. Truball
Comr. &c &c &c
Washington D.C.

Superintendent

6. March 9.

Sir

Our books show that on the 11th June 1853 a gold deposit of 124 90/100 ounces was made by A. Squires from Colorado County, California, whose signature was taken at the time. The returns were never called for until the 15th Jan. 1889 when an old man claiming to be A. Squires, a miner, from California presented himself at the Mint and demanded payment of the deposit. An examination of his receipt showed that the writing with which the blank should have been filled was entirely obliterated and there was no evidence upon inspection that the receipt had ever been filled up & signed by the then Director of the Mint. The explanation for this was that

Squires had carried carried it in his belt, worn round his body, ever since – not being even removed during a long illness from fever – and that the inclemency of the weather to which he had been exposed, and perspiration had obliterated the ink.

There was thus no documentary evidence to justify me in making the desired payment. His statements were apparently truthful and were verified by his appearance and a comparison between his signature now and his signature on our books, making allowance for his advanced age, he now being about 71 years old. There was no person in this City who could identify him but he said there were parties in Wheeling West Virginia who could do so and he also furnished me the names of citizens of California who could identify him.

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I went to Wheeling and from there the United States Commissioner Hannibal Forbes forwarded me a number of affidavits of Citizens of Wheeling who were well acquainted with Mr Squires in former years and identified him now as being the same man.

Through the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco, with whom I communicated, I also procured a number of affidavits from respectable citizens in that State who identified and vouched for him.

I herewith submit for your perusal the following documents:-

1. Exhibit A. The depositions of Citizens of Wheeling, identifying Mr Squires. I send the original because they are so put together and sealed, in connection with the photograph of Mr Squires that they cannot be separated in copying. After examination

have to request that you will return them to me.

2nd Exhibit B. Copies of the affidavits procured California, through the Superintendent of the Mint at San Francisco identifying and vouching for Mr Squires.

These two exhibits embrace all the affidavits, I have been able to procure to sustain Mr Squires' claim to the deposit for which he has requested payment.

3rd Exhibit C. Copy of all the preliminary correspondence with regard to this case, with the Mint Bureau and other parties. This correspondence is not in any sense evidence, but I furnish the copy as part of the history of the case.

4th Exhibit D. is a copy of two letters received from persons of the name of Squiers in New York City in reference to the deposit

in question, but to which no reply has been made as they evidently written under a misapprehension of the facts of the case.

I take the liberty of submitting this testimony and correspondence to you to ascertain whether in your judgment it is sufficient to justify me in paying the deposit to the Squires who claims to be the owner of it, and if so, whether if I make the payment to him and forward the voucher with my accounts, accompanied by the original evidence above referred to, you will accept the evidence as sufficient and approve my accounts so as to relieve me from further responsibility.

I do not feel at liberty to make the payment although satisfied in my own mind that it would be valid to do so, unless I can feel sure of the support and protection

to the Department.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will carefully examine the documentary evidence thus furnished and return it to me with your decision as to what you will do in the matter.

If it is to be paid I am anxious that I shall have the money as soon as possible, and that the matter should be off my hands and mind as soon as may be practicable.

Very respectfully

Your Obt. Svt.

Superintendent

Hon. M. J. Durham
First Comptroller of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

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LRL

Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

March 6th 1869.

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| 7628 | Handy & Harman | $ | 29.788.63 |
| 7629 | J. & W. Seligman & Co | $ | 62.976.94 |
| 7630 | Nat. Bank N.Y. | $ | 39.409.88 |
| | | $ | |

I am very respectfully

Superintendent.

511

March 6th 9

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:

"Seligman is delivering silver to day at ninety three fifty which he says you bought yesterday. I have no advice from you.

How much. Wire answer"

Very Respectfully

A. M. Hoxie

Supt

Hon J. P. Kimball
Director U. S. Mints
Washington D. C.

March 9

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official:-

My supply of letter-press copying books is exhausted. Can I purchase another here? Please wire answer

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Hon: James D. Kimball
Treasurer of the U.S.
Washington
D.C.

March 6th 9

Sir

The following telegram sent you this day is hereby made official Viz:

"Cliff's Bar one ounce short in shipment Thirty-three. I await your reply whether I shall melt and transfer this amount."

Very Respectfully
D. M. Fox
Supt

Prouille Braden
Ord. Ass'y Office
Helena Mont.

574.

7. March 9

Sir:

In reply to your intimation of the 6th inst. endorsed on my letter of the 2nd. inst. with reference to the disposition of mutilated coins, that there had been a violation "of sections of the regulations forbidding employees to act as agents for depositors," in the absence of any statement of particular acts which are thus censurable, I am unable to conjecture in what respect there has been a violation of the regulations on this point.

If the act of the Cashier in paying [illegible] lots of mutilated coins by check is objectionable, I can only say that I supposed it unex-

ing his check he was acting as my agent and representative and not of the depositor. If I am in error in this impression I will thank you to so advise me.

Section 2nd of the Regulations on pages 8 and 9 of the pamphlet edition of 1888, directs that mutilated coins "shall be received and paid for." If this cannot be done by any of the methods named in the bureau Circulars of May 21. 1885 and June 24th 1886, I shall be glad to know how it can be done without making some officer or employee of the Mint the Agent of the owner, he not being here in person and having no third person to represent him. Shall the proceeds mutilated coins be retained here until

he sends a person for them - and as I am unable to frame a safe rule for my own action in the matter from the general instructions given, I am obliged to appeal to you for such further instructions and explanations as will relieve me from serious perplexity and embarrassment.

Section 15, at the bottom of page 8 forbids any person in the West from acting as agent of the depositors and section 16 at the same time compels me to become her agent. How shall I reconcile the discrepancy?

My reason for troubling you again with this matter is that I have in my vault a number of remittances of mutilated coins, some of them too far

surveyor of the United States which I am unable to dispose of until the obscurities in my way are removed and I shall be glad to have a definite reply at the earliest convenience.

Very respectfully

David Ballard

Superintendent

Hon: James A. Garfield
Director of the Interior
Washington
D. C.

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Lpk

March 7th 1889.

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| 7631 | Harris & Haman | $ 9.456.02 |
| 7632 | J. & W. Seligman & Co. | $63.888.40 |
| 7633 | Tenth Nat Bank N.Y. | $ 9.951.87 |
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D. Hilton

Asst Treasurer

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March 9th 9

J. & W. Seligman & Co

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March 7th 9

Sir:

I desire to make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury in my favor for the sum of Eleven Thousand dollars, payable from the Appropriation for Coinage of Standard Silver dollars, to aid in meeting the expenses of this Mint on that account for the [illegible] month.

Very Respectfully

Supt

Hon. J. P. Kimball
Director U.S. Mint
Washington D.C.

521

March 7th 9

Sir

Please make a requisition on the Secretary of the Treasury, in my favor for the sum of Fifteen hundred dollars, payable from the appropriation for Parting & Refining Bullion, to meet the expenses of this Mint on that account for the current Month,

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
Supt

Hon J. G. Knox
Director Mint
Washington D. C.

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Philadelphia

July 28th 9

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March 8th 1859.

Fourth Nat Bank N.J. $14,376.63

Respectfully.

Superintendent.

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8. March 9

Sir;

Mr. Fawcett Superintendent of improvements and repairs called upon me this morning showing me a letter from Farrel & Co saying they had the contract for constructing the large vaults in the Court yard and wanted to know when they could commence the work: and also showed me a letter from yourself addressed to them saying that Messrs Farrell & Co had the Contract for Construction and wished to know how soon the pipes in the Cellar could be removed out of the way and what would be the expense of doing it.

I wish to know whether the firm

named had the Contract from an authoritative source in a letter to me, as you know the vast responsibility resting upon me and the possible hazard of admitting strange people whom neither you nor I could have any knowledge professing to be workmen, in the building and being placed in conjunction with the vaults and grates in which are contained the silver bullion and coin.

If I am advised by you that it is so, and they are now in position to go on and do the work, I will afford them every facility that I can.

As to the pipes to be taken down, I have neither plan, nor de-

description nor specifications, I am unacquainted with what pipes they desire to take down and it seems to me that I ought to have a copy either of the contract if it describes the pipes or if not a copy of the specifications to learn what space it will cover and what pipes are in the way.

Shall I ask that I be afforded this information, by return mail

Respectfully

N. W. Fox

Superintendent

Hon. Wm. A. Freret
Supervising Architect
Washington D.C.

528

9 March 9

Sir

I herewith enclose one standard silver dollar to cover the shortage reported in your letter (T) of the 8th inst.

My Cashier would like to know if the "Short" bags were marked and if the seals were in order

Very respectfully

[illegible]

Superintendent

Hon: James W. Hyatt
Treasurer, United States
Washington
D.C.

9. March 9

Sir,

The $ mutilated silver coin from A. O. Olsen, Nor, Iowa referred to me by your endorsement of the 28th ult. on his letter, were duly received.

They had been laid away in my personal vault until such time as I could know definitely how to transact this branch of the Mint business as I had written for information per letter of the 7th inst.

Very respectfully

Superintendent

Hon. J. H. Kinsbrill
Director of the Mint
Washington

530

9: March 9

Sir

Alexander B. Murray, "Sweeper" having resigned his name is dropped from the rolls after this day

Very respectfully

Lewis McFord

Superintendent

Hon. James P. Kimball

Director of the Mint

Washington D.C.

Rec'd

March 9th 1889.

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| 7635 | Russlage Colgate & Co | $33.406.77 ✓ |
| 7636 | Fourth Nat Bank N.Y. | $20.223.49 ✓ |

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Cash 4th

Fourth National Bank N.Y.

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